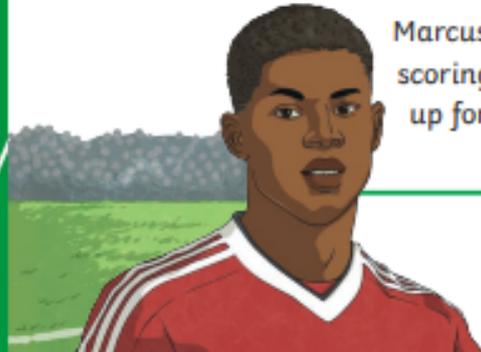


Marcus Rashford



Marcus Rashford is a famous footballer. He is known for scoring goals, working with charities and for standing up for things that he believes in.



Did You Know...?

Marcus has worked with people who give food to families who don't have enough.

Early Life

Marcus was born on 31st October 1997. When he was a child, his family didn't always have enough food to eat. Marcus's mum wanted to help him to become a successful footballer so she asked if he could join a special programme when he was 11 years old. This would mean that he could live close to where he was training and be given the right types of food to eat. Although children usually can't join until they're 12, Marcus was allowed to join a year early.

Football Career

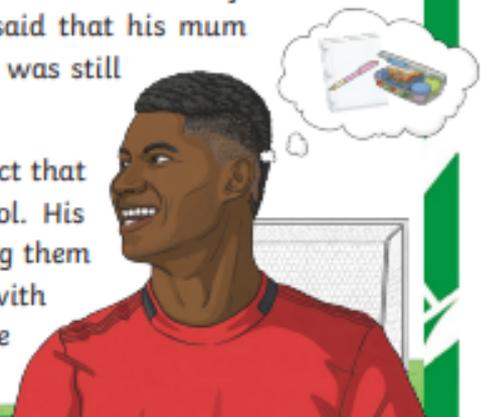
In February 2016, Marcus Rashford played in his first match for Manchester United's first team. In this match, Marcus scored two goals and his team won. Just a few months later, he played in his first game for the national football team for England.

An Important Letter

On the 15th June 2020, Marcus wrote a letter to the UK government. He shared his letter with everyone and it was read by lots of people.

In the letter, Marcus said that he was worried that there were lots of children in the UK who weren't getting enough to eat. He said that his mum had worked hard when he was younger but that it was still difficult to have enough food for the whole family.

Marcus was worried about a decision to stop a project that helped to give meals to children who are in school. His letter to the government played a big part in making them change their minds. The Queen awarded Marcus with an MBE (Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) for his help with this.



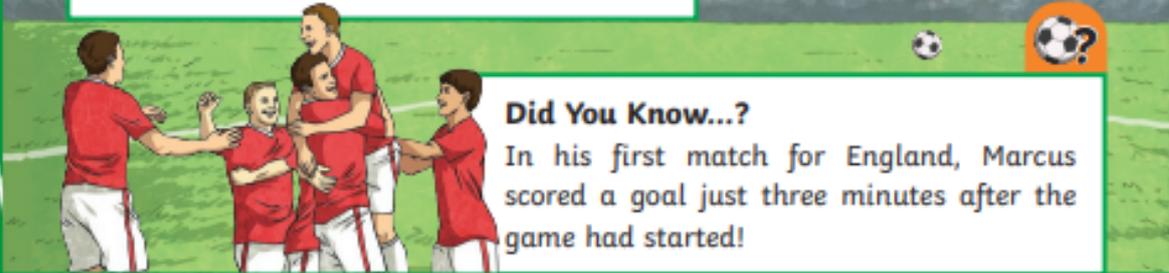
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The next day, the decision was made to keep the project going. Marcus was pleased and says that he will keep trying to make sure that no child has to be hungry.



Did You Know...?

Marcus scored 64 goals in his first 200 matches with Manchester United.



Did You Know...?

In his first match for England, Marcus scored a goal just three minutes after the game had started!

Questions

1. Who did Marcus write an important letter to? Tick one.

- his friends
- his family
- the UK government
- other footballers

2. Which **two** football teams has Marcus played for? Tick **two**.

- Manchester United
- Arsenal
- England
- Swansea

3. Draw **four** lines and complete each sentence. One has been done for you.

Marcus was born...	in his first match for Manchester United's first team.
Marcus's family...	on the 31 st October 1997.
In February 2016, Marcus played...	a famous footballer.
Marcus is...	didn't always have enough food to eat.

4. How many goals did Marcus score in his first match for Manchester United's first team? Tick one.

- two
- three
- four
- five

5. How many goals did Marcus score in his first 200 matches with Manchester United?

6. Look at the first paragraph.

Find and copy one word which tells you that **lots of people know who Marcus is**.

7. If you could meet Marcus Rashford, what question would you ask him?
