

# Gerd Müller: Der Bomber



## 1) Discussion

- a) In the history of the World Cup, who are your favourite strikers?
  - b) Who are your favourite German players and teams?
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## 2) Vocabulary

### a) Match the vocabulary to definition.

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| 1) Profound (adjective)   | a) To exceed or go beyond in terms of achievement, performance, or quality.                          |
| 2) Formidable (adjective) | b) To emphasize or highlight the importance of something, often by drawing attention to it.          |
| 3) Surpass (verb)         | c) Deep or having great meaning, often describing something with significant and thoughtful impact.  |
| 4) Underscore (verb)      | d) Following in order or coming after something in time or sequence.                                 |
| 5) Subsequent (adjective) | e) Describing something that inspires fear or respect because of its power, strength, or capability. |



**b) Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from exercise 2a.**

Profound    Formidable    Surpass    Underscore    Subsequent

- 1) Mourinho's 2003-2004 Porto team \_\_\_\_\_ the importance of teamwork and strategy in modern football.
- 2) Despite playing against a \_\_\_\_\_ AC Milan team, Liverpool managed to win the 2005 Champions League final.
- 3) Lionel Messi's ability to consistently \_\_\_\_\_ records in football means he is one of the greatest players ever.
- 4) Gerd Müller's \_\_\_\_\_ impact on world football is evident in his prolific goal-scoring career and memorable contributions to Bayern Munich.
- 5) Pelé's outstanding achievements in the 1960s and 1970s have had a huge influence on \_\_\_\_\_ generations of football players.



### 3) Quick Read - Read the article quickly and answer the question.

- a) What were some of the highlights of Gerd Müller's career?

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## Der Bomber

Gerd Müller, a renowned German footballer, is remembered for his remarkable goal-scoring ability and profound impact on the sport. Born on November 3, 1945, in Nördlingen, West Germany, Müller began his football journey with the local club TSV 1861 Nördlingen.

Müller's prime years were with Bayern Munich in the 1960s and 1970s, where he earned the nickname "Der Bomber." He played a crucial role in Bayern's success, securing four Bundesliga titles and three European Cups from 1974 to 1976. Müller's exceptional goal-scoring talent set him apart as a formidable force on the field.

A defining moment in Müller's career occurred during the 1974 World Cup in West Germany. His winning goal in the final against the Netherlands contributed to Germany's second World Cup triumph. Müller's international impact is highlighted by his 68 goals for the German national team, a record held until Miroslav Klose surpassed it in 2014.

In Bundesliga competitions, Müller's goal-scoring prowess is underscored by an impressive tally of 365 goals in 427 appearances. He claimed the top scorer title seven times and set a record with 40 goals in the 1971-72 season.

Beyond statistics, Müller's legacy is imprinted on the style of play he embodied. His dedication, precision, and scoring finesse influenced subsequent generations of strikers. Gerd Müller remains a symbol of football excellence, his enduring legacy celebrated for the profound impact he made on the beautiful game.



#### 4) Discussion

- a) What do you think of Gerd Müller's career and his achievements in football?
- b) Gerd Müller stayed at Bayern Munich for 15 years. Can you think of any other players who have been loyal to one club?
- c) Who are some of the best strikers in your country's history?

