

# Ronaldo: O Fenômeno



## 1) Discussion

- a) Who is your favourite footballer from the 90s?
  - b) Do you have a favourite Brazilian player?
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## 2) Vocabulary

### a) Match the vocabulary to the definition.

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| 1) Unknown (adjective) | a) To hold someone's attention. Often by doing something amazing or extraordinary. |
| 2) Reinvent (verb)     | b) To change something completely.   |
| 3) Setback (noun)      | c) Not well-known.   |
| 4) Mesmerise (verb)    | d) To make something stronger.   |
| 5) Cement (verb)       | e) Things that make progress difficult, challenges or difficulties.                |



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

Unknown

Reinvent

Setback

Mesmerise

Cement

- 1) Zinedine Zidane \_\_\_\_\_ his opponents with skill and great passes. Before the 2014 World Cup,
- 2) During seasons, managers sometimes need to \_\_\_\_\_ how the team plays.
- 3) After winning 2-0 at the weekend, the team \_\_\_\_\_ their place at the top of the league.
- 4) At the start of his career, Andrés Iniesta had some injury \_\_\_\_\_, but he became one of the best midfielders ever.
- 5) James Rodríguez was \_\_\_\_\_ to some football fans.



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

- a) Which teams does the article mention?
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#### O Fenômeno

An unknown Ronaldo Nazário arrived in Europe in 1994. This young Brazilian would go on to reinvent the centre forward position.

He joined Dutch side PSV Eindhoven and quickly showed his amazing skills, scoring 42 goals in 46 games.

After PSV, Ronaldo moved to Barcelona, where he continued to impress with his goals and skills, mesmerising fans with his incredible performances. He scored 34 goals in 37 games in his 1 season at Barcelona, leaving a lasting impact on the club and its supporters, before moving to Inter Milan in 1997.

Ronaldo's biggest moment came in 2002 when he helped Brazil win the World Cup. He scored 8 goals in the tournament, including two in the final match against Germany. Throughout his career, Ronaldo faced setbacks due to injuries, but he always worked hard to come back and play again.

After winning the World Cup in 2002, Ronaldo transferred to Real Madrid, one of the biggest clubs in the world. At Real Madrid, he continued to demonstrate his talent, mesmerising fans with his dribbling ability and goal-scoring ability. Ronaldo's time at Real Madrid was marked by memorable moments and incredible achievements, as he cemented his status as one of the greatest footballers of his generation.

In total, Ronaldo scored 414 goals in 616 games for his clubs. He was loved by fans all over the world for his amazing talent and passion for the game. Ronaldo will always be remembered as one of the greatest football players of all time.



#### 4) Discussion

- a) What do you think about Ronaldo's career?
- b) Without injuries, how do you think Ronaldo's career would be different?
- c) Can you think of any other players who had bad injuries in their career?

