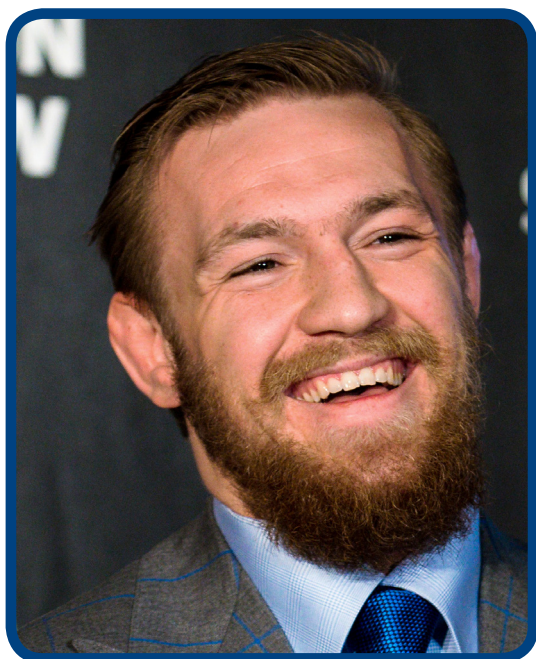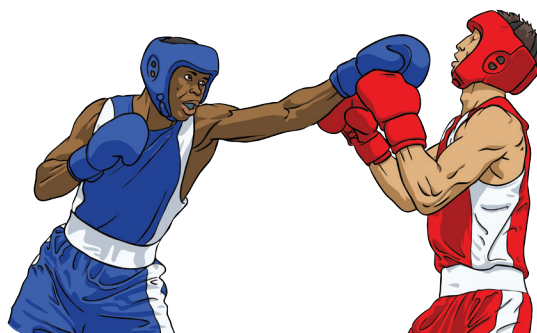# Conor McGregor

What is MMA?

- MMA stands for Mixed Martial Arts and is a full-contact fighting sport.

- MMA fighters use skills and techniques from sports such as boxing, kick-boxing, Karate, wrestling and judo.

- There are five rounds in a championship fight. MMA fights take place in a cage shaped like an octagon.

- There are three judges for an MMA fight, who sit by the cage and judge the fight. To win the round, you must get ten points from the judges.

What is UFC?

- UFC stands for the Ultimate Fighting Championship and it is the main organisation behind MMA fighting.

- The UFC arrange and promote fights between the world's top MMA fighters.

Conor's Early Life:

- Conor Anthony McGregor was born in Crumlin, Dublin on 14th July 1988.

- Conor began boxing at the age of 12 at Crumlin Boxing Club.

- Conor worked as a plumber for one year before he quit to be a MMA fighter full-time.

Conor McGregor

Conor McGregor's Career in MMA:

- Conor's early MMA fighting began in 2007 at the age of 18.

- He turned professional in 2008 and trained with his coach John Kavanagh.

- He took part in several lightweight and featherweight competitions.

- When he fought against an American MMA fighter, Marcus Brimage, he won after just one minute and seven seconds in the first round!

- Conor also won a 'Knockout of The Night' award on the same night.
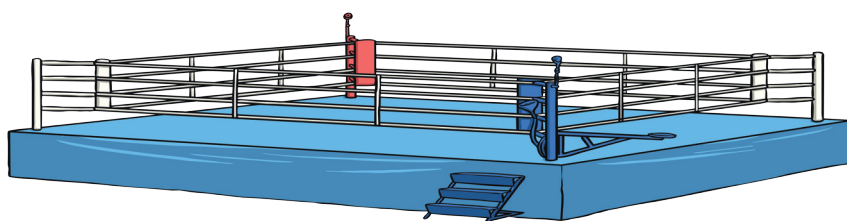
Who Has Conor McGregor Defeated?

Conor has defeated the following fighters:

- Diego Brandao
- Dustin Poirier
- Dennis Siver
- Chad Mendes
- Jose Aldo
- Eddie Alvarez

What Are Connor McGregor's Skills?

Conor McGregor is best-known for his confidence, skill and hard work. He has had an extremely successful sport career and continues to be one of the best MMA fighters in the world.

Questions

1. When was Conor McGregor born?

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2. Where was he born?

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3. What does MMA and UFC stand for?

   MMA:_____

   UFC:_____

4. What age was Conor when he began boxing?

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5. What was the name of the first boxing club that he joined?

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6. In what year did Conor McGregor become a professional MMA fighter?

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7. Who was Conor's coach when he became a professional fighter?

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8. Name an MMA fighter who has beaten Conor McGregor.

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Answers

1. When was Conor McGregor born?

   Colin McGregor was born on 14th July 1988.

2. Where was he born?

   He was born in Crumlin, Dublin.

3. What does MMA and UFC stand for?

   MMA stands for mixed martial arts and UFC stands for ultimate fighting championship.

4. What age was Conor when he began boxing?

   Conor began boxing when he was 12 years old.

5. What was the name of the first boxing club that he joined?

   The first club he joined was Crumlin Boxing Club.

6. In what year did Conor McGregor become a MMA fighter?

   Conor became an MMA fighter in 2007.

7. Who was Conor's coach when he became a professional fighter?

   John Kavanagh was Conor's coach when he became a professional fighter.

8. Name an MMA fighter who has beaten Conor McGregor.

   Accept any fighters listed in the text: Diego Brandao; Dustin Poirier; Dennis Siver; Chad Mendes; Jose Aldo; Eddie Alvarez.
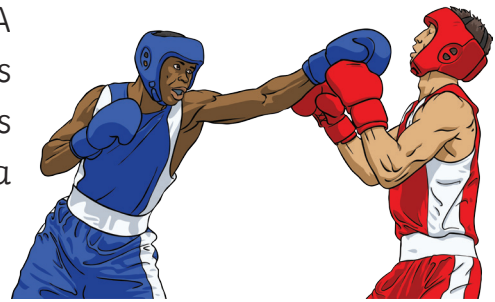
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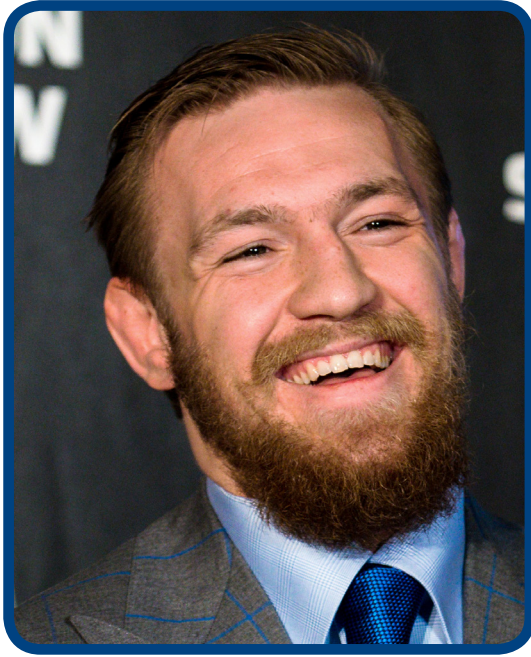
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MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) is a full-contact fighting sport. MMA fighters use skills and techniques from sports, such as boxing, kick-boxing, karate, wrestling and judo.

MMA fights are split into five-minute rounds. There are usually only three rounds in a contest unless it is a championship fight when there are five instead. MMA fights happen inside an octagon-shaped cage. To determine the winner, there are three judges for an MMA fight, who sit by the cage and judge the fight. To win the round, you must obtain ten points from the judges. Both men and women compete in MMA fighting; fighters are put into certain categories depending on their weight. It takes many years of dedication and arduous training to become a successful MMA fighter.

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UFC (the Ultimate Fighting Championship) is the main organisation which coordinates MMA fighting. The UFC arrange and promote fights between the world's top MMA fighters.

Conor's Early Life:

Conor Anthony McGregor was born in Crumlin, Dublin on 14th July 1988. Conor spent most of his childhood growing up in this city suburb, where he attended a Gaelscoil at primary level and a Gaelcholáiste at secondary level. During his childhood, Conor always loved sport. He played many sports, including soccer and boxing. At the age of 12, Conor began boxing at Crumlin Boxing Club. Conor worked as a plumber for one year before he became an MMA fighter full-time.
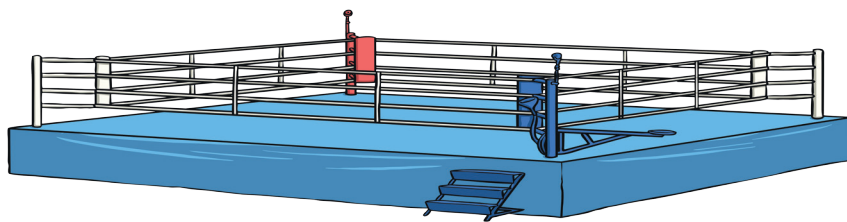
Conor McGregor

Conor McGregor's Career in MMA:

Conor's early MMA fighting began in 2007 at the age of 18. He turned professional in 2008 and trained with his coach, John Kavanagh. He took part in several lightweight and featherweight competitions. In 2013, he was offered a contract with the UFC; Conor was only the second fighter from Ireland to fight for the company. His first fight for the UFC was on 6th April that year. He fought against an American MMA fighter, Marcus Brimage, and was the winner after just one minute and seven seconds in the first round. Conor also won a 'Knockout of the Night' award on the same night!

Conor won contests against several other fighters in the UFC, including Diego Brandao, Dustin Poirier, Dennis Siver, Chad Mendes, Jose Aldo and Eddie Alvarez. Four of those victories were in the first round! Nate Diaz managed to beat Conor on 5th March 2016. Undeterred, Conor then defeated him in another match later that year. He is well-known for his confidence, skill and hard work. This has meant that he has had an extremely successful sport career and continues to be one of the best MMA fighters in the world if not in Irish sporting history!

'**The Notorious**' – This is Conor's nickname – 'notorious' means to be known for doing something bad!

Questions

1. When and where was Conor McGregor born?

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3. How many rounds are there in a championship fight?

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4. What age was Conor when he began boxing?

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6. Why was 2013 an important year in Conor's career?

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7. How many Irish fighters fought for the UFC before Conor?

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8. Who was Conor's coach when he became a professional fighter?

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9. Conor McGregor has never lost a UFC fight: true or false?

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10. Why is 'notorious' an appropriate nickname for a MMA fighter?

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Answers

1. When and where was Conor McGregor born?
   He was born on 14th July 1988 in Crumlin, Dublin.

2. What does MMA and UFC stand for?
   MMA stands for mixed martial arts and UFC stands for ultimate fighting championship.

3. How many rounds are there in a championship fight?
   There are five rounds in a championship fight.

4. What age was Conor when he began boxing?
   Conor was 12 when he began boxing.

5. What was the name of the first boxing club that he joined?
   He joined the Crumlin Boxing Club first of all.

6. Why was 2013 an important year in Conor's career?
   He was offered a contract with the UFC in 2013 and he won his first fight.

7. How many Irish fighters fought for the UFC before Conor?
   One fighter fought for the UFC before Conor.

8. Who was Conor's coach when he became a professional fighter?
   John Kavanagh.

9. Conor McGregor has never lost a UFC fight: True or False?
   This is false because he was beaten by Nate Diaz.

10. Why is 'notorious' an appropriate nickname for a MMA fighter?
    Notorious means to be famous for a bad quality and this could make him sound threatening or menacing to other fighters.
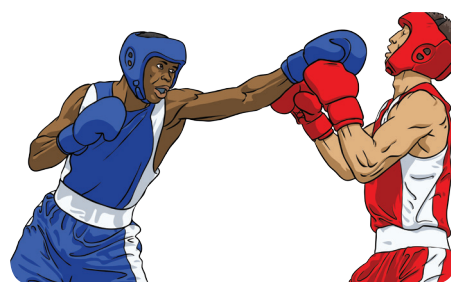
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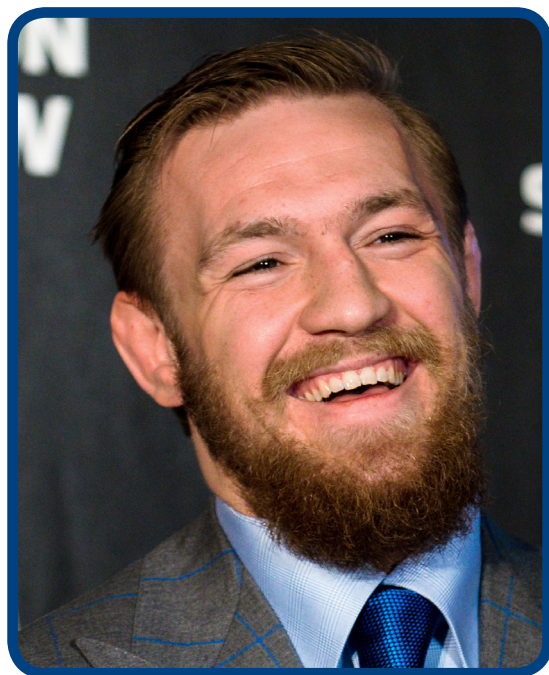
What is MMA?

Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) is a full-contact sport, which involves striking and wrestling. MMA fighters use skills and techniques from sports such as boxing, kick-boxing, karate, wrestling and judo. In recent years, the sport has witnessed a surge in popularity and it is currently the fastest growing sport in the world. Normally, MMA fights are split into three five-minute rounds, however, there are five rounds in a championship fight. For the safety of the competitors, MMA fights take place in an octagonal cage. To determine the winner, there are three judges who adjudicate an MMA fight. In order to win a round, a fighter must obtain ten points from the judges. Both men and women compete in MMA fighting; fighters are put into particular categories depending on their weight. It takes years of dedication and strenuous training to become a successful MMA fighter.

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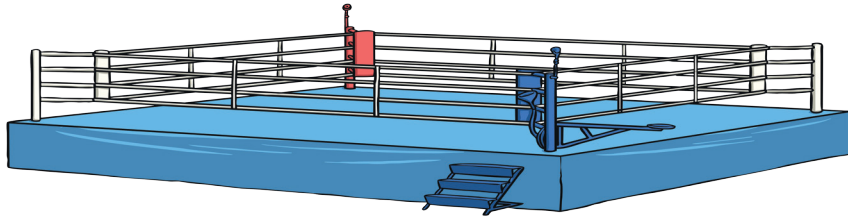
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Conor McGregor

was the first club he attended when he was aged 12. In 2006, Conor's family moved to west Dublin where he finished his second level education. Conor completed an apprenticeship in plumbing. He worked as a plumber for one year, however, he decided to pursue his dream to become an MMA fighter.

Conor McGregor's Career in MMA:

Conor's early MMA fighting began in 2007 at the age of 18. He turned professional in 2008 and trained under the guidance of his coach, John Kavanagh. He took part in several lightweight and featherweight competitions. In 2013, he was offered a contract with the UFC; Conor was only the second fighter from Ireland to compete for the company. His first fight for the UFC was on 6th April in the same year. He fought against an American MMA fighter, Marcus Brimage, and he was declared the winner after a mere one minute and seven seconds. Conor also won a 'Knockout of the Night' award on the same night!

In August 2013, despite defeating Max Holloway, Conor McGregor seriously injured his knee while wresting on the ground of the octagon. As a result, he needed surgery and could not fight for ten months. Conor went on to defeat several other fighters in the UFC, including Diego Brandao, Dustin Poirier, Dennis Siver, Chad Mendes, Jose Aldo and Eddie Alvarez. Four of these victories were achieved in the first round! Nate Diaz managed to defeat McGregor on 5th March 2016. McGregor then managed to fight back winning his next match against Diaz in August of that year.

Confidence, skill and determination are the attributes that have made Connor McGregor an excellent fighter. He has had an extremely successful sporting career and continues to strive to be the best and to live up to his nickname, 'The Notorious'.

Questions

1. What does MMA and UFC stand for?

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2. Which sports is MMA similar to?

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3. How many rounds are there in a championship fight and how long can each one be?

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4. Where do the fights take place? Why do you think this is used for the fights?

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5. How do the judges decided on the winner of the fight?

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6. How do you think Conor's career might have been different if he didn't pursue MMA fighting?

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7. When was Conor's first UFC fight and who was it against?

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8. What impact do you think Conor's knee injury had on his training and career?

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9. Who was the only fighter to defeat Conor during this time with the UFC?

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Answers

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MMA is similar to boxing, kick-boxing, karate, wrestling and judo.

3. How many rounds are there in a championship fight and how long can each one be?
There are five five-minute rounds in a championship fight.

4. Where do the fights take place? Why do you think this is used for the fights?
The fights take place in an octagon-shaped cage for the safety of the fighters.

5. How do the judges decided on the winner of the fight?
They judge the moves and the skill used by the fighter and they can give ten points to the best fighter.

6. How do you think Conor's career might have been different if he didn't pursue MMA fighting?
Accept any appropriate answer, for example: I think he would have pursued a career as a plumber as he had completed an apprenticeship in plumbing.

7. When was Conor's first UFC fight and who was it against?
Connor's first UFC fight was against Marcus Brimage on 6th April 2013.

8. What impact do you think Conor's knee injury had on his training and career?
He had to have surgery and this would need time to heal, which prevented him from training and fighting.

9. Who was the only fighter to defeat Conor during this time with the UFC?
The only fighter to defeat Conor was Nate Diaz, who managed to defeat McGregor on 5th March 2016.

10. Do you think his nickname suits him? Explain your answer.
Accept any appropriate answer, for example: Yes, his nickname suits him because he has a reputation for being a strong fighter.