

Reading Comprehension Questions: Mario Kempes Answers

True or False Questions

1. Mario Kempes was born in Spain.
2. His father was a professional football player.
3. He started playing professional football at age 16.
4. He won the World Cup with Argentina in 1978.
5. His nickname was "El Matador".
6. He only played football for 10 years.
7. He could only score goals with his right foot.
8. He worked for ESPN after playing football.
9. He was born in 1954.
10. He played for Valencia in Spain.

Answers: 1. False (Argentina), 2. False (not professional), 3. True, 4. True, 5. True, 6. False (26 years), 7. False (both feet), 8. True, 9. True, 10. True

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Where was Kempes born?
 - a) Valencia
 - b) Bell Ville
 - c) Madrid
 - d) Buenos Aires

2. What was his first professional team?
 - a) Valencia
 - b) River Plate
 - c) Instituto de Córdoba
 - d) Rosario Central

3. How many goals did he score in the 1978 World Cup final?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

4. How old was he when he stopped playing football?

- a) 32
- b) 36
- c) 42
- d) 46

5. How many goals did he score for Rosario Central?

- a) 65
- b) 75
- c) 85
- d) 95

Answers: 1.b, 2.c, 3.b, 4.c, 5.c

Fill in the Blanks

1. Kempes was born in _____, 1954.
2. His nickname was "_____".
3. He won the World Cup with _____ in 1978.
4. He played football for _____ years.
5. After football, he worked as a _____ and talked about football on _____.

Answers: 1. July 15, 2. El Matador, 3. Argentina, 4. 26, 5. coach, TV

Short Answer Questions

1. Name three teams that Kempes played for.
2. What important trophy did he win with Argentina?

3. What was special about his appearance when he played?
4. What did he do after he stopped playing football?
5. What was he famous for on the football field?

*Answers:

1. Any three from: Instituto de Córdoba, Rosario Central, Valencia, River Plate, Hercules, First Vienna, St Pölten, Kremser SC, Fernández Vial
2. The World Cup in 1978
3. He had long hair and a mustache
4. Any from: became a coach, talked on TV, wrote books, helped young players, worked for ESPN
5. Scoring goals, being strong and fast, playing with both feet*

Discussion Questions (For Speaking Practice)

1. Why do you think Kempes was such a special player?
2. What can young football players learn from Kempes's life?
3. Do you think football was different in Kempes's time? How?
4. What do you think made him a good leader on the field?
5. Why do you think he could play football for so many years?

Writing Tasks

1. Write three sentences about Kempes's early life.
2. Write a paragraph about why he was important for Argentine football.
3. Write five important facts about his career at Valencia.
4. Imagine you are a journalist in 1978. Write about his World Cup performance.
5. Write a short paragraph about what made him different from other players.

Vocabulary Matching

Match these words from the text with their meanings:

1. Professional
2. Brave
3. Famous

4. Inspire
5. Humble
6. Passion
7. Strong
8. Legacy

- a) Not afraid
- b) Having great power
- c) What someone leaves behind
- d) Doing something as a job
- e) Known by many people
- f) Not proud
- g) Strong feeling or emotion
- h) To make others want to do something

Answers: 1-d, 2-a, 3-e, 4-h, 5-f, 6-g, 7-b, 8-c

Timeline Activity

Put these events in the correct order:

- Won the World Cup
- Born in Bell Ville
- Moved to Valencia
- Started playing professional football
- Joined Rosario Central
- Stopped playing football

*Correct order:

1. Born in Bell Ville (1954)
2. Started playing professional football (1970)
3. Joined Rosario Central (1973)
4. Moved to Valencia (1976)

5. Won the World Cup (1978)
6. Stopped playing football (1996)*

Team Activity

In groups, discuss and write down:

1. Three things that made Kempes special
2. Three lessons we can learn from his life
3. Three reasons why he was successful
4. Three ways football has changed since his time

Teacher Notes

- Questions are designed for A2 level students
- Mix individual and group activities
- Use pictures of Kempes to help students understand the era
- Encourage discussion about football history
- Can be used for reading, writing, speaking, and listening practice
- Timeline activity helps with understanding sequence of events
- Vocabulary can be pre-taught before reading
- Activities can be adapted for different class sizes and levels

Extension Activities

1. Compare Kempes with a modern football player
2. Create a poster about his life
3. Role-play an interview with Kempes
4. Write a newspaper article about his World Cup victory
5. Research more about Argentine football history