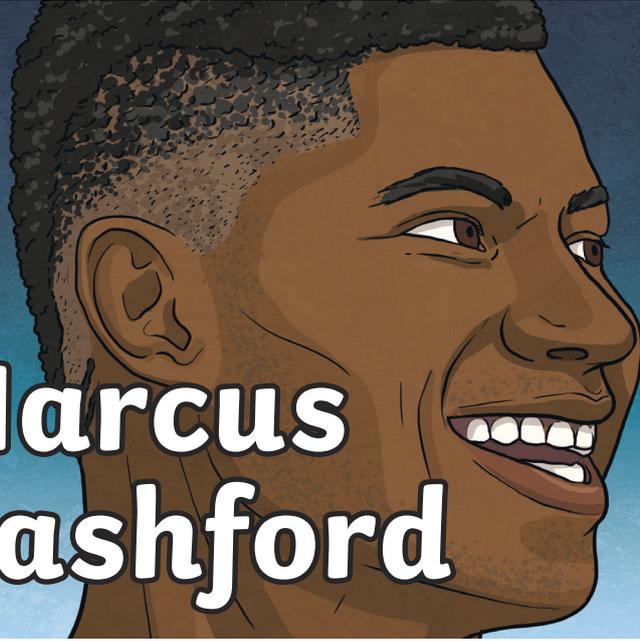




Marcus Rashford



Who is Marcus Rashford?

- Marcus Rashford is a professional footballer.
- He plays football for England and Manchester United.

Illustration: Marcus Rashford.

Footballer Campaigns for Kids' Meals

Marcus Rashford, the talented Manchester United and England footballer, has persuaded the **government** to provide children with vouchers over the summer who get free school meals.

Currently, some children receive free meals when in school. However, during lockdown, these children's families have been given vouchers to buy food at shops instead.

At first, the government was going to stop giving out these vouchers during the summer holidays.

When Marcus Rashford heard this he decided to take action. He wrote a letter to all **MPs** in **parliament**. He wanted them to make sure that those in need could get help during the summer holidays too.

In his letter, he asked MPs to think again about their "decision to cancel the food voucher **scheme** over the summer."

After they received Marcus' letter, the government changed its mind. The vouchers will now be available over the summer during the holidays.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he thanked Marcus Rashford for "what he had done," during a phone call with him. Manchester United, his team, posted online that he was "A hero."

This is not the only action that Marcus Rashford has been taking. So far, Marcus had helped the charity FareShare to raise almost £20 million.

The money has been used to feed schoolchildren that get free school meals.

Glossary

government	Group of people who run a country.
MPs	Members of the UK parliament, elected to represent their area.
parliament	Where laws for a country are debated and passed.
scheme	A big plan to deal with something.

Questions

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Tick the word that is closest in meaning to 'talented'.

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- fun
- musical
- skilful

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3. Fill in the missing words to complete this sentence from the story.

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4. Why do you think Manchester United called Marcus Rashford a hero? Explain your answer.

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Answers

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4. Why do you think Manchester United called Marcus Rashford a hero? Explain your answer.
Accept any answer which refers to the story and mentions how Marcus Rashford took action, e.g. I think Manchester United called Marcus Rashford a hero because he tried to help people.
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6. Write a summary of the story in 20 words or fewer.
Accept any reasonable summary that refers to the story, e.g. Marcus Rashford has persuaded the government to give food vouchers to families whose children would normally get free school.