

**Why is Lionel  
Messi such a great  
attacker?**



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Key Words	Definition	Key Skills
Tactics	Plans and ideas required in a game to try and achieve the best possible outcome	Beating an opponent - Players dribbling skills can now be applied to beating a defender. This can be achieved through change of pace, close control, or a dummy/ feint.
Awareness	Developing an understanding of what is around to help make decisions	Passing into space - Players should be encouraged to beat defenders through passing the ball, particularly passing into space to create an advantageous opportunity.
Overload	To pack an area of the pitch with payers to try and gain an advantage	Awareness – Though priority should be given to honing particular skills, children should begin to develop an awareness of what is around to find a pass, find space or avoid defenders.
Overlap	Running around the back of a player to receive the ball in front of them	Coaching Points
Support Play	Providing assistance to a player by creating space or looking for the ball	STEP – Differentiation can be achieved by reducing/ enlarging the space, altering the target in a task, using easier equipment overloading attackers or defenders.
Offside	Rugby - Being ahead of the ball when receiving.	Using space – Players may need encouragement to find space in a game. Coning off 'safe zones' where defenders cannot enter is a good way of doing this, particularly for width.
Teamwork	Working together to achieve the best outcome for the team	Sport – Though Messi is a footballer, the skills in this unit are transferrable and can be adapted across a range of sports.



Assessment Focus

- Use tactics to attack and defend
- Lead others in a game situation
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***'Never settle for less than your best'***

*Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12*