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## Maurice Richard



In Canada, more children play soccer than any other sport, but ice hockey is also popular. Many children dream of becoming professional ice hockey players. For them, ice hockey players are special. One famous Canadian ice hockey player is Maurice Richard.

Maurice was born in 1921 in Montreal, Canada. When he was growing up, he enjoyed ice-skating, baseball and boxing, but he loved ice hockey the most. When he was 14, he started playing ice hockey at school with his friends. He left school and got a job with his father when he was 16. Then, when he was 18, he joined an amateur ice hockey team.

When Maurice was 21, he started playing professional for an ice hockey team called the Montreal Canadiens. Maurice soon became an important player on his team, and he was the first player to get 50 goals in one season. He was strong and skated very fast, so people started calling him “The Rocket.” When he played, his team won many games. He helped the Montreal Canadiens to win the Stanley Cup eight times. Maurice stopped playing ice hockey in 1960. He was a professional ice hockey player for 18 years.

When Maurice died in 2000, many Canadians were sad. People loved him because he was one of the greatest ice hockey players in history. He is still remembered because there is an award called the Maurice “Rocket” Richard trophy. Every year, it is given to the player who gets the most goals in one season.

1. Which sport is played by the most children in Canada?
  - a. Boxing
  - b. Soccer
  - c. Baseball
  - d. Ice hockey

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2. What did Maurice Richard do when he was 16 years old?
  - a. He started playing ice hockey.
  - b. He joined a boxing club with his friends.
  - c. He started working with his father.
  - d. He joined an amateur ice hockey team.
  
3. Why was Maurice called “The Rocket”?
  - a. He was very good at boxing.
  - b. His teammates loved him.
  - c. He was a strong and fast skater.
  - d. He played for the Montreal Canadiens.
  
4. Maurice is still remembered because there is
  - a. a special award with his name.
  - b. a professional ice hockey team with his name.
  - c. a Canadian city with his name.
  - d. a skating school with his name.
  
5. What is this story about?
  - a. A way to become a professional ice hockey player.
  - b. A famous Canadian ice hockey player.
  - c. An amateur ice hockey team in Canada.
  - d. A new award for young ice hockey players.
  
6. How long did Maurice play hockey?
  - a. He played for 14 years.
  - b. He played for 18 years.
  - c. He played for 50 years.
  - d. He played for 10 years.