

## Barcelona confirm Lionel Messi will leave club after 21 years while fans are left in tears after bombshell news

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### Vocabulary

#### Headline

This is the title to the story. It is written in large letters at the top of the page to introduce you to the article.

#### Article

This is the story in the newspaper or a piece of writing.

#### Bombshell news

This is news that is very surprising and can cause a shock to people that read it or hear about it.

#### Fans

These are people the support or follow the club.

#### Left in tears

If someone is left in tears they are crying.

### Words similar to 'Bombshell'

Unexpected / surprising / shocking / sensational

### Vocabulary for main Article

#### Cash-strapped

This means that you are very short of money.

#### Economic woes

This means that you are going through a time of financial trouble / problems where there is little or no money available.

#### Pay cut

If you receive a pay cut, your salary is reduced. You get paid less than before.

#### ...slashed by...

This is used to show something is reduced by a large amount. Messi was a offered a pay cut of £250,000 which is a very large reduction.

#### ...poised to...

This means that you are ready / prepared to / about to do something in the near future.

#### The deal is dead

This means that the deal will 100% no longer happen. It has a 0% chance of happening.

#### ...is set to walk away

If someone is set to walk away, they are ready to leave something or a place.

**Contribution** (noun)

If you contribute (verb) to a club's success, you help make it successful. What you did helped make them become successful.

**Wish someone all the best**

If you wish someone all the best, you want them to be successful in the future.

**Current situation**

This means the situation that is happening now.

**Shock announcement**

This is the same as 'Bombshell news.'

**Talisman**

This is a player that inspires the group around them. They are the main player and encourage and inspire others.

**On the brink** of something

This means that you have almost achieved or done something. You are not there yet but you are almost there. Very close to doing or achieving something.

**Main Article**

**Cash-strapped** Barcelona have no choice but to sell their star player due to **economic woes**. Messi was offered a 50% per cent **pay cut** which would have seen his pay **slashed by** £250,000 a week.

It was believed Barcelona **were poised to** sign a new deal, but it has been confirmed **the deal is dead** and Messi **is set to walk away** after 21 years.

The club would like to thank Lionel Messi for **his contribution** to the club's success and **wish him all the best** for the future.

However, it is believed that Messi was unhappy with the **current situation** at the club and was also not happy with the players Barcelona have at the moment.

Since the **shock announcement** of losing their **talisman**, fans have been seen outside the stadium **in tears**.

It is believed that Messi is **on the brink of** signing a contract with PSG to play with his friend Neymar.



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