

Manny Pacquiao



Manny Pacquiao is one of the greatest professional boxers of all time, but he had a tough childhood. He was brought up in poverty. He was born in the southern Philippines on December 17, 1978. When he was two years old, his family moved to a place called Tango in Sarangani Province. His family lived in a small one-room hut. As a child, Manny was inspired by Bruce Lee. He was amazed by his moves and tried to copy him by kicking a banana tree.

Life was tough for him growing up. Manny had to climb a mountain several times a week to find food and fresh water for his family. Manny wanted to become a Catholic priest when he was younger, but his family was too poor. He decided to be a boxer instead. He started his professional boxing career on a TV boxing show called Blow By Blow. However, he only got paid two dollars for each fight. Perhaps this tough life as a child helped make him into a 10 time world titleholder.

1. Where was Manny Pacquiao born?
 - a) in the eastern Philippines
 - b) in the western Philippines
 - c) in the northern Philippines
 - d) in the southern Philippines
2. As a child, Manny was inspired by Bruce Lee.
 - a) True
 - b) False
3. What did Manny want to be when he was growing up?
 - a) A priest
 - b) A doctor
 - c) A teacher
 - d) A police officer
4. He started his professional boxing career on show TV called Blow By Blow.
 - a) True
 - b) False

Answers: 1. (d) 2. (a) 3. (a) 4. (a)

