

## Floyd Mayweather wins richest fight in boxing history

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Floyd Mayweather has won what was billed as the fight of the century, and the richest fight in boxing history. Mayweather took home a staggering \$100 million for defeating Conor McGregor in 10 rounds in Las Vegas on Saturday. Thousands of spectators

paid tens of thousands of dollars for ringside seats. Millions more around the world tuned in on pay-per-view streaming sites. Boxing purists derided the fight as a circus event and a mismatch. It pitched Mayweather, one of the greatest fighters in boxing history, who had never been defeated or even knocked down, against McGregor - a mixed martial arts fighter in his first ever professional boxing match. But the hype surrounding it made it a huge spectacle.

Mayweather, 40, entered the ring as the heavy favourite, even though he retired two years ago. His boxing record was 49 wins (including 26 knockouts) and no defeats. McGregor, 29, is the reigning Ultimate Fighting Championship lightweight world champion. Mayweather's victory came early in the 10th round. The referee dived in to save McGregor from any more punishment from Mayweather's flurries of punches. Victory means Mayweather has 50 wins and no defeats, to edge ahead of the legendary Rocky Marciano, who retired with a 49-0 record. McGregor gave a gutsy and spirited performance, but in the end, Mayweather's vast experience and superior technique came through.

Sources: [bleacherreport.com](http://bleacherreport.com) / [bbc.com](http://bbc.com) / [washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com)

### Writing

Boxing is too dangerous and should be banned. Discuss.

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

fight / century / spectator / ringside seats / pay-per-view / purists / martial arts / hype heavy favourite / retired / defeats / world champion / referee / punches / technique

### True / False

- The Mayweather-McGregor fight was the richest in boxing history. T / F
- Tens of thousands of people paid thousands of dollars for ringside seats. T / F
- Those who love boxing described the fight as a circus event. T / F
- Conor McGregor had never fought a professional boxing match before. T / F
- Floyd Mayweather retired two years ago and came out of retirement. T / F
- McGregor is a middleweight champion at mixed martial arts. T / F
- The legend Rocky Marciano still has a better record than Mayweather. T / F
- The article said McGregor gave a vast and superior performance. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. <b>billed</b>     | a. losses         |
| 2. <b>staggering</b> | b. more skillful  |
| 3. <b>spectators</b> | c. perfectionists |
| 4. <b>purists</b>    | d. battering      |
| 5. <b>defeated</b>   | e. advertised     |
| 6. <b>entered</b>    | f. onlookers      |
| 7. <b>punishment</b> | g. lively         |
| 8. <b>defeats</b>    | h. beaten         |
| 9. <b>spirited</b>   | i. got into       |
| 10. <b>superior</b>  | j. amazing        |

### Discussion – Student A

- What do you think about what you read?
- What are the bad things about boxing?
- Why do people go to see boxing matches?
- How safe or dangerous is boxing?
- What did you think of the fight?
- Should McGregor stick to mixed martial arts?
- What kind of person becomes a top boxing champion?
- What questions would you like to ask Floyd Mayweather?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. billed as                         | a. favourite                |
| 2. took home a staggering            | b. view streaming sites     |
| 3. ringside                          | c. flurries of punches      |
| 4. tuned in on pay-per-              | d. seats                    |
| 5. the hype surrounding it made      | e. early in the 10th round  |
| 6. entered the ring as the heavy     | f. the fight of the century |
| 7. His boxing record was 49 wins     | g. it a huge spectacle      |
| 8. victory came                      | h. superior technique       |
| 9. more punishment from Mayweather's | i. \$100 million            |
| 10. Mayweather's vast experience and | j. (including 26 knockouts) |

## Discussion – Student B

- What are the good things about boxing?
- What do you think of this fight?
- Which is better – boxing or mixed martial arts?
- Should a boxer get \$100 million for a single fight?
- What do you think of boxing?
- Has this fight changed the image of boxing?
- Why was the fight hyped so much?
- What questions would you like to ask Conor McGregor?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. e	2. j	3. f	4. c	5. h
6. i	7. d	8. a	9. g	10. b

## Role Play

### Role A – Boxing

You think boxing is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, sumo or wrestling.

### Role B – Mixed Martial Arts (MMA)

You think MMA is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): boxing, sumo or wrestling.

### Role C – Sumo

You think sumo is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, boxing or wrestling.

### Role D – Wrestling

You think wrestling is the best combat sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their combat sports. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): MMA, sumo or boxing.

## Speaking – Combat sports

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • mixed martial arts | • boxing    |
| • kickboxing         | • karate    |
| • judo               | • wrestling |
| • taekwondo          | • sumo      |

### Answers – True False

a	T	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	T	f	F	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.