# Serena Williams

Serena Williams is a famous tennis player. She was born on September 26, 1981, in Saginaw, Michigan, USA. When she was young, her family moved to California. She started playing tennis at the age of four, coached by her parents.

Serena turned professional in 1995. She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most in the Open Era. She has also won 14 Grand Slam doubles titles with her sister, Venus Williams, and 4 Olympic gold medals. She was world number 1 eight times for a total of 319 weeks.

Serena is known for her powerful serves and strong play. She has been called one of the greatest tennis players of all time. Besides tennis, she has ventured into fashion and business.

In August 2022, she announced her decision to step away from professional tennis. She played her final match at the 2022 US Open, marking the end of an amazing career.

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|  | NameSerena Jameka Williams |
| Birth dateSeptember 26, 1981 |
| BirthplaceSaginaw, Michigan, USA |
| LifeSerena was born in Saginaw, Michigan, and moved with her family to Compton, California, when she was a child. At 14 years old, she began her professional tennis career by entering the Canadian Open qualifier in Quebec. |
| Sports careerSerena Williams became a professional tennis player in 1995 and achieved success in 1997 when she knocked out the top 10 players Mary Pierce and Monica Seles during Chicago’s tournament, which helped her reach the top 100 of the WTA rankings. She also competed in all four Grand Slam tournaments for the first time in 1998. |
| AchievementsSerena Williams has achieved many accolades including having the highest career prize money of any female tennis player at nearly 95 million dollars. Furthermore, she is one of only three players to have won all five of the most important WTA awards, as well as winning Associated Press' Athlete of the Year, L'Équipe's World Athlete of the Year and Sports Illustrated's Sportsman of the Year awards in 2015. She also holds the Olympic Gold medal for singles (2012), and has three gold medals for doubles with her sister Venus (2000, 2008, 2012). |

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### Answer the questions

###### **How many singles Grand Slam titles did Serena Williams win?**

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###### **Who are the other two players besides Serena Williams to win four consecutive Grand Slam tournaments?**

 Maria Sharapova and Justine Henin Steffi Graf and Margaret Court Billie Jean King and Monica Seles Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert

###### **How many times was Serena Williams ranked world number one?**

 Five times Four times Seven times Six times

###### **How many Olympic gold medals did Serena Williams win in total?**

 Four Six Three Five