

1. Choose the appropriate form of the verbs to complete the following dialogue. One has been done for you.

**Sumit:** Rajeev, do you watch (*is watching / watch*) football?

**Neetu:** Of course, Ronaldo has always been my favourite player! Don't tell me you is liking (*like / are liking*) Messi more!

**Sumit:** Sorry, but I do! He is playing (*plays / is playing*) so well in the league right now. You cannot deny that he is standing (*stands / is standing*) among the best forwards in the history of football. Surely, there must be some reason why people are calling (*call / are calling*) him 'Messiah'!

**Neetu:** But unlike Messi, Ronaldo is (*is being / is*) strong on both his left and right foot. Let's not forget that Messi has not been able to win the World Cup for Argentina!

**Sumit:** Are (*Are/Do*) you thinking (*think/thinking*) that makes (*is making / makes*) him less of a player? After all, it's not an individual sport and the blame should be on the entire team.

**Neetu:** I agree (*am agreeing / agree*). Let's not argue further. I think (*think / am thinking*) both of them are great players and have contributed a lot to the game.

**Note:** While the Present Continuous tense emphasises the continuity of an action at the present moment, the Present Perfect Continuous tense emphasises the duration for which the action has been taking place. For example,

*I am still writing* the conclusion of the report. (Present Continuous)

*I have been writing* the conclusion since yesterday. (Present Perfect Continuous)

2. Identify the tense of the underlined verbs in the following sentences. Write SP for Simple Present, PC for Present Continuous, PP for Present Perfect and PPC for Present Perfect Continuous tense, respectively.

(a) Reena has been studying literature for past three years.

PPC

(b) Sushant studies five hours a day.

SP

(c) She is singing an Assamese song that she composed.

PC

(d) I have left my number with your sister.

PP

(e) I go to the gym every day and exercise for an hour.

SP, SP

(f) I am reading a book that has been on the New York Best Seller list.

PC, PPC

(g) John goes home every Sunday as his mother has not been keeping well since last year.

SP, PPC

(h) As soon as he reaches the airport, inform him that Sara has misplaced her passport.

SP, PP

3. Complete the sentences with the correct present tense forms of the verbs from the