

- 1 Read the blog and say if the statements below are true or false.

LIONEL MESSI

Lionel Andres Messi, also known as Leo Messi, is a famous football player from Argentina. He was born in Rosario in 1987 in a working-class family. His father was a factory manager and his mother worked as a cleaner.

Leo started playing football at the age of five, and his talent was soon noticed. When he turned 13, the sporting director of *FC Barcelona* asked him to join his youth academy but for that Leo had to move to Spain, which he did.

In 2006, Lionel Messi was Argentina's youngest scorer in the World Cup. In 2023, he won the Golden Ball for a record eight time.

Messi holds the Guinness World Record for the most goals scored in a calendar year: 91 goals.



- 1 Lionel Messi is a Spanish footballer.
- 2 He was born in a working-class family.
- 3 He joined the *FC Barcelona* youth club.
- 4 Messi was the oldest footballer to take part in the World Cup.
- 5 He won the Golden Ball ten times.
- 6 His record of 91 goals in a calendar year is still not beaten.