

Simple Lesson: The Verb "To Be"

The verb **"to be"** is the most important verb in English. It is an irregular verb, which means it doesn't follow the normal rules. We use it to talk about **identity** (who or what someone/something is), **qualities** (how someone/something is), and **locations** (where someone/something is).

Here is the present simple tense of the verb "to be":

Person	Subject Pronoun	Verb "To Be"	Example Sentence
First Person Singular	I	am	I am a student.
Second Person Singular	you	are	You are my friend.
Third Person Singular	he / she / it	is	He is happy. / She is a doctor. / It is a book.
First Person Plural	we	are	We are at home.
Second Person Plural	you	are	You are all welcome.
Third Person Plural	they	are	They are from Canada.

Contractions (Short Forms):

We often use short forms when speaking and in informal writing.

- I am = **I'm**
- You are = **You're**
- He is = **He's**
- She is = **She's**
- It is = **It's**
- We are = **We're**
- They are = **They're**

Negative Form:

To make a negative sentence, just add **"not"** after the verb.

- I am not = I'm not
 - You are not = You're not / You aren't
 - He is not = He's not / He isn't
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Exercises

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Form (am, is, are)

1. She ____ a talented musician.
2. I ____ very tired today.
3. The cats ____ playing in the garden.
4. You ____ my best friend.
5. It ____ a beautiful day.

Exercise 2: Complete the Sentences with a Contraction (e.g., He's, We're)

1. ____ from London. (We are)
2. ____ late for class. (I am)
3. ____ a very smart student. (You are)
4. ____ on the table. (It is)
5. ____ going to the park. (They are)

Exercise 3: Make the Sentences Negative

1. He is angry. → He ____ angry.
2. They are doctors. → They ____ doctors.
3. I am hungry. → I ____ hungry.
4. It is cold outside. → It ____ cold outside.
5. We are lost. → We ____ lost.

Exercise 4: Fill in the Blanks (Mixed Positive and Negative)

1. Sarah ____ at school today; she is sick at home.
2. You ____ wrong; the answer is correct!
3. I ____ a big fan of chocolate ice cream.
4. The books ____ on the shelf; they are on the desk.
5. He ____ my brother.

Exercise 5: Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake with the verb "to be." Find it and correct it.

1. They is my parents.
2. I are a teacher.
3. We am happy.
4. You is a good person.
5. It are a dog.