

Simple Present Tense of "To Be"

Introduction

This worksheet helps students practice the simple present tense of the verb "to be" (am, is, are) in various contexts: affirmative and negative statements, questions, and short answers.

In the Lesson

Provide each student with a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, the students will fill-in the grammar table with the missing pronouns / 'to be' conjugation.

Next, the students will complete the various exercises. Be sure to check for understanding after each section. Teach any new vocabulary for the students.

Exercise 1 answer key

I	am	I'm	I'm not
you	are	you're	you aren't/you're not
he she it	is	he's she's it's	he's not/he isn't she's not/she isn't it's not/it isn't
you we they	are	you're we're they're	you're not/you aren't we're not/we aren't they're not/they aren't

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Verb 'to be'	To practice simple present verb <i>to be</i> , subject-verb agreement in affirmative and negative sentences, as well as questions and answers.	A1	35-45 minutes

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Exercise 2 answer key

- a. am e. is
- b. is f. is
- c. are g. are
- d. are

Exercise 3 answer key

- a. I'm not a student.
- b. She isn't my teacher. (She's not)
- c. They aren't in the room. (They're not)
- d. We aren't friends. (We're not)
- e. He isn't very happy. (He's not)
- f. It isn't a sunny day. (It's not)
- g. You aren't very kind. (You're not)

Exercise 4 answer key

- b. Is she my teacher? Yes, she is.
- c. Are they in the room? No, they aren't/they're not.
- d. Are we friends? Yes, we are.
- e. Is he very happy? No, he isn't/he's not.
- f. Is it a sunny day? Yes, it is.
- g. Are you very kind? Yes, I am/we are.

Exercise 5 answer key

- a. We **are** late for work.
- b. My brother **is** 18.
- c. They **aren't** at school today.
- d. I'**m** not Dan, I'**m** David.
- e. It **isn't** raining today.
- f. She'**s** from Japan.
- g. You'**re** my mom, not my aunt.

Bonus answer key

- A: Hello! How **are** you?
- B: I'**m** fine, thank you. How **are** you?
- A: I'**m** well! This **is** my friend, Sarah.
- B: Hi Sarah! I'**m** Marco. Where **are** you from?
- C: I'**m** from Canada. And you?
- B: I'**m** from Spain. It'**s** nice to meet you!
- C: Nice to meet you, too. **Are** you a student here, too?
- B: Yes, I **am**.
- A: We'**re** late for class. Talk to you later!

'TO BE'

Practice the simple present tense of the verb "to be" in affirmative and negative statements, questions, and short answers.



1 Complete the table with the missing subject pronouns or *be* conjugation.

	Subject	"be" form	short form	negation (+not)
Singular	I	_____	I'm	I'm not
	_____	are	_____	_____
	he _____ it	is	_____ she's _____	_____ _____ it's not/ it isn't
Plural	you we _____	_____	_____ we're they're	_____ we're not/ we aren't _____

2 Fill in the blanks with the correct affirmative form of "to be" (am, is, are).

- I _____ a student.
- She _____ my teacher.
- They _____ in the room.
- We _____ friends.
- He _____ very happy.
- It _____ a sunny day.
- You _____ very kind.

3 Rewrite the sentences from exercise 1 as negative statements.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

4 Rewrite the sentences from exercise one as questions, then write the short answers for each question. *example: a. Am I a student? Yes, you are.*

- b. _____ Yes, _____
c. _____ No, _____
d. _____ Yes, _____
e. _____ No, _____
f. _____ Yes, _____
g. _____ Yes, _____

5 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

- a. We am late for work. _____
b. My brother are 18. _____
c. They isn't at school today. _____
d. I's not Dan, I's David. _____
e. It aren't raining today. _____
f. She'm from Japan. _____
g. You is my mom, not my aunt. _____

Bonus Complete the dialogue. Fill-in the blanks with the correct form of 'to be', then practice the dialogue with a partner.

- A: Hello! How _____ you?
B: I _____ fine, thank you. How _____ you?
A: I _____ well. This _____ my friend, Sarah.
B: Hi Sarah! I _____ Marco. Where _____ you from?
C: I _____ from Canada. And you?
B: I _____ from Spain. It _____ nice to meet you!
C: Nice to meet you, too. _____ you a student here, too?
B: Yes, I _____ .
A: We _____ late for class. Talk to you later!

