

I LANGUAGE BANK

GRAMMAR

1.1 present simple: be

Positive			
+	I	am	fine, thanks.
	He/She/It	is	in class 3A.
	You/We/They	are	students.
Negative			
-	I	'm not	very well.
	He/She/It	isn't	here.
	You/We/They	aren't	students.

Use a subject pronoun (I, you, she, etc.) with a verb.

She is British. NOT *Is British.*

You is singular and plural.

Use contractions in speaking and in emails and letters to friends.

An apostrophe (') = a missing letter.

I am Indian. → *I'm Indian.* You **are not** Greek. → You **aren't** Greek.

In the negative, it is also possible to use: *He/She/It's not* and *You/We/They're not*.

She's not here.

Use be to talk about:

- who a person is or what an object is. *I'm James. It's a pen.*
- where a person or a thing is from. *She's American. Spaghetti is Italian.*
- people's jobs. *I'm a student. My mother's a teacher.*
- a person's age. *I'm eighteen. Mark's twenty-four.*
- where something is. *The Eiffel Tower is in France.*
- prices. *It's twelve euros.*

Questions and short answers

?	Am	I	a teacher?	Yes,	I	am.
				No,		'm not.
	Are	you/we/they	tourists?	Yes,	you/we/they	are.
				No,		aren't.
	Is	he/she/it	OK?	Yes,	he/she/it	is.
				No,		isn't.

Use be + subject for the question.

It is good. *Is it good?*

You are from Italy. *Are you from Italy?*

Don't use contractions in positive short answers.

Yes, she is. NOT *Yes, she's.*

PRACTICE

1.1 A Complete the sentences with positive forms of *be*. Use contractions.

- I _____ Sonia D'Angelo.
- They _____ at university.
- It _____ Tuesday today.
- Julio _____ on holiday.
- We _____ from the BBC.
- You _____ in my class, Yasmin.

B Complete the conversation. Use the correct forms of *be*.

Farah: ¹ _____ you Cindy?

Jenny: No, I ² _____, I ³ _____ Jennifer.

Farah: ⁴ _____ you a student?

Jenny: No, I ⁵ _____ the teacher!

⁶ _____ you a student?

Farah: Yes, I ⁷ _____.

Jenny: OK, please sit down.

C Put the words in the correct order. Start with the underlined word.

- in / Debra / the / café / isn't.
- name / your / Is / Khan?
- at / Mrs / aren't / Mr / airport / and / Cabrera / the.
- friend / is / Paolo / This / my.
- their / What / names / are?
- centre / 's / Where / health / the?

- C** 1- _____.
- 2- _____.
- 3- _____.
- 4- _____.
- 5- _____.
- 6- _____.