

VERB TO BE

The **verb to be** is used to say something about a person, thing, or state, to show a permanent or temporary quality, characteristic, state, job or occupation, age and nationality. Look at the examples.

- ❖ Sarah is 34 years old.
- ❖ My classroom is not enormous.
- ❖ We are happy.
- ❖ It is cold outside.
- ❖ Are you an engineer?

Verb "to be": Present

Pronoun	Affirmative	Negative
I	I am - I'm	I am not - I'm not
you	you are - you're	you are not - you aren't
he	he is - he's	he is not - he isn't
she	she is - she's	she is not - she isn't
it	it is - it's	it is not - it isn't
we	we are - we're	we are not - we aren't
they	they are - they're	they are not - they aren't
you	you are - you're	you are not - you aren't

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The Verb to be (am, is, are) in a Text

Peter Baker _____ (1) from Manchester, but Paul and John _____ (2) from London. Manchester and London _____ (3) cities in England. Hamburg _____ (4) a city in Germany. Sandra _____ (5) at school today. Jack and Peter _____ (6) her friends. They _____ (7) in the same class. Mr and Mrs Baker _____ (8) on a trip to the USA to visit their cousin Anne. She _____ (9) a nice girl. Peter says: "My grandfather _____ (10) in hospital. I _____ (11) at home with my grandmother." What time _____ (12) it? It _____ (13) 8 o'clock. _____ (14) you tired? No, I _____ (15) not.