

6 Be: present simple

I can recognize and use the present simple forms of the verb **be**.

Be: present simple affirmative

	Full form	Short form
Singular	I am	I'm
	you are	you're
	he is	he's
	she is	she's
Plural	it is	it's
	we are	we're
	you are	you're
	they are	they're

There are full forms and short forms of the present simple of the verb **be**.

I am sixteen. I'm sixteen.
She is tall. She's tall.
They are American. They're American.

We normally use short forms in conversation and full forms in formal writing.



*1 6.1 Write the correct full form of **be**. Listen and check.

- She is fourteen.
- We _____ Indian.
 - It _____ Spanish.
 - I _____ twelve.
 - Harry and Toby _____ Scottish.
 - You _____ eleven.
 - He _____ Turkish.
 - Jack and I _____ thirteen.
 - The car _____ two years old.
 - Mandy _____ American.
 - The children _____ eight years old.

*2 Write the full forms.

- she's she is 4 I'm _____
- you're _____
 - they're _____
 - it's _____
 - we're _____
 - he's _____

*3 Tick ✓ the correct sentences.

- You am Russian. ☐
- You are Russian. ☒
- We are Australian. ☐
 We is Australian. ☐
 - I am thirteen years old. ☐
 I thirteen years old. ☐
 - Ed are ten. ☐
 Ed is ten. ☐
 - They're Korean. ☐
 They Korean. ☐
 - Jess and I am British. ☐
 Jess and I are British. ☐
 - It an elephant. ☐
 It's an elephant. ☐
 - You're eleven. ☐
 You's eleven. ☐

4 6.2 Look at the pictures and complete the sentences with the correct pronoun and short form of *be*. Listen and check.



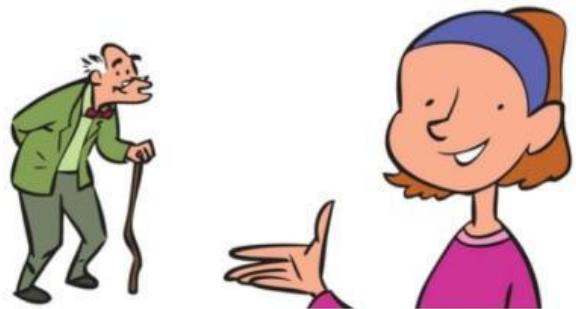
► They're happy.



4 _____ funny.



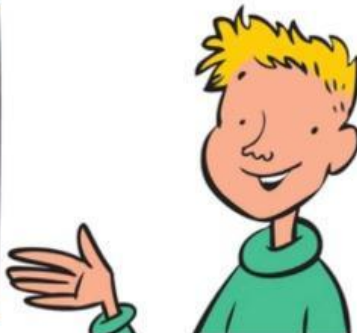
1 _____ sad.



5 _____ old.



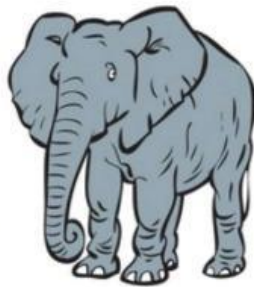
2 _____ tall.



6 _____ beautiful.



3 _____ big.



7 _____ angry.

Be: present simple negative

	Full form	Short form
Singular	I am not	I'm not
	you are not	you aren't
	he is not	he isn't
	she is not	she isn't
Plural	it is not	it isn't
	we are not	we aren't
	you are not	you aren't
	they are not	they aren't

Note that the short form for *I* is different from the other short forms.

I'm not angry.

He isn't American. You aren't old.

*5 Write the full forms of the negative of be.

- ▶ She is not happy.
- 1 It _____ beautiful.
- 2 Jane and Theo _____ tall.
- 3 We _____ sad.
- 4 Dave _____ angry.
- 5 I _____ happy.
- 6 My car _____ old.
- 7 You _____ funny.
- 8 My feet _____ big.

*6 6.3 Change the sentences to the negative. Use short forms. Listen and check.

▶ Sue's beautiful.

Sue isn't beautiful.

1 They're angry.

2 I'm happy.

3 It's big.

4 Ben and I are sad.

5 You're funny.

6 Tim's tall.

*7 6.4 Listen and choose the correct picture. Write the letter.



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- 1 b
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
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- 5 _____
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- 7 _____
- 8 _____

*8 Work in pairs. Tell your partner something that is not true, using the verb be. Your partner corrects you.

I'm six.

You aren't six. You're twelve.

Milly's tall.

She isn't tall. She's short.

Be: present simple questions

To form questions with the verb **be**, we change the order of the words. We put the verb before the subject.

Are you happy? Is Lucy British? Are they thirteen?

Singular	Am I ... ?
	Are you ... ?
	Is he ... ?
	Is she ... ?
Plural	Is it ... ?
	Are we ... ?
	Are you ... ?
	Are they ... ?

When we reply to a question, we often use a short answer.

Are you Sam? Yes, I am.

Short answers

Singular	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Plural	Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

***9** **6.5** Write the words in the correct order to make questions. Listen and check.

▶ you / French / are

Are you French?

1 tall / he / is

2 are / angry / they

3 I / funny / am

4 Peter / is / eighteen

5 Scottish / are / you

***10** Write questions.

▶ Alice / beautiful

Is Alice beautiful?

1 you / angry

2 I / tall

3 Bella / a teacher

4 the burger / good

5 you / thirteen

6 the children / happy

***11** Write short answers for the questions in exercise 10.

▶ Yes, she is.

1 No,

2 Yes,

3 No,

4 No,

5 Yes,

6 Yes,

***12** **6.6** Look, read and listen. Then sing along.

It's my birthday today.

It's my birthday today.

Am I happy?

Yes, I'm happy.

I am twelve years old.

I am twelve years old.

Am I happy?

Yes, I'm happy.

All my friends are here.

All my friends are here.

Are they happy?

Yes, they're happy.

It's a beautiful day.

And I'm twelve years old.

And I'm happy.

Yes, I'm happy.

13 Work in pairs. Ask and answer questions using adjectives and short answers.

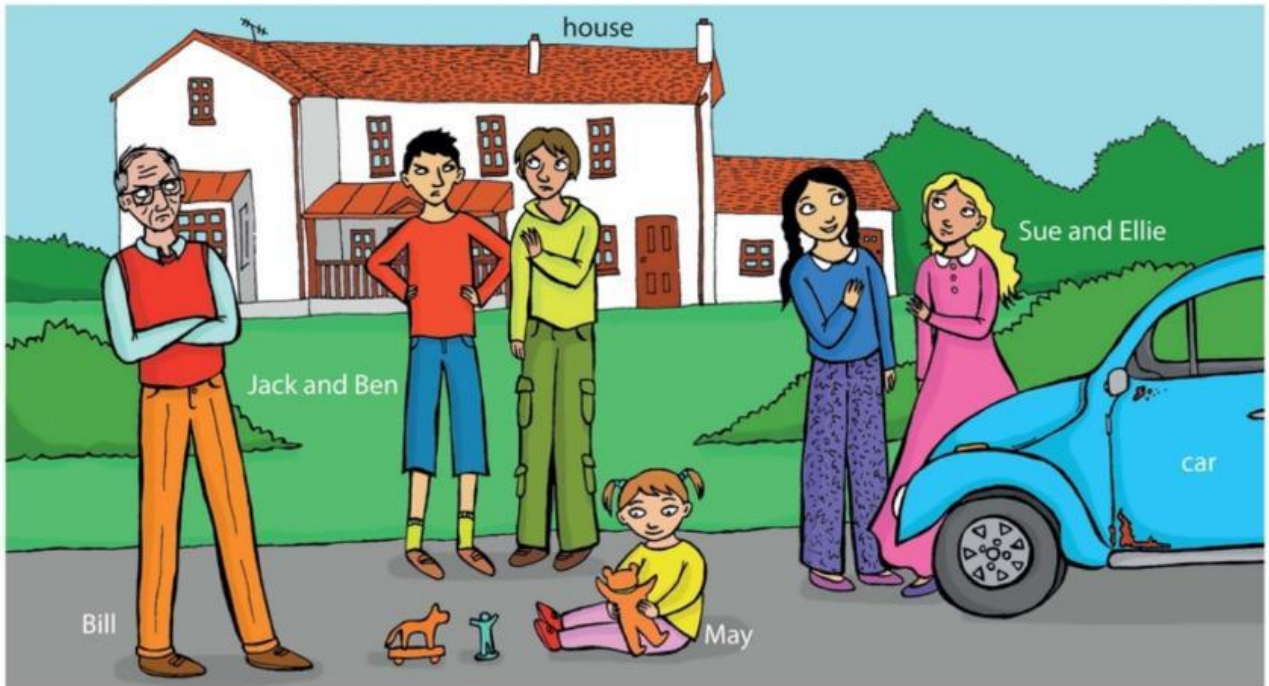
angry beautiful big happy old tall blue green red white

Are Jack and Ben happy?

No, they aren't.

Is the car red?

No, it isn't.



14 Memory test. Close your book and tell your partner about the picture.

Jack and Ben are tall.

The car is old.

15 Write about you and a friend.

I'm Carrie. My friend is Helen.
We're British. I'm twelve.
I'm not tall. I'm happy. Helen is eleven. She isn't big. She's funny.

16 **GAME** Think of a famous person. Your partner asks questions to find out who it is. Answer the questions.

Is it a man or a woman?
Is he/she American/British/Russian ... ?
Is he/she a singer/an actor/a footballer?
Is he/she tall/old/funny/beautiful ... ?

Is he a singer?

Yes, he is.

Self-evaluation Rate your progress.

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