

6 Be: present simple

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

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	Full form	Short form
Singular	I am	I'm
	you are	you're
	he is	he's
	she is	she's
	it is	it's
Plural	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.
- 1 We _____ Indian.
- 2 It _____ Spanish.
- 3 I _____ twelve.
- 4 Harry and Toby _____ Scottish.
- 5 You _____ eleven.
- 6 He _____ Turkish.
- 7 Jack and I _____ thirteen.
- 8 The car _____ two years old.
- 9 Mandy _____ American.
- 10 The children _____ eight years old.

*2 Write the full forms.

- ▶ she's she is
- 1 you're _____
- 2 they're _____
- 3 it's _____
- 4 I'm _____
- 5 we're _____
- 6 he's _____

*3 Tick ✓ the correct sentences.

- ▶ You am Russian. ☐
- You are Russian. ☒
- 1 We are Australian. ☐
- We is Australian. ☐
- 2 I am thirteen years old. ☐
- I thirteen years old. ☐
- 3 Ed are ten. ☐
- Ed is ten. ☐
- 4 They're Korean. ☐
- They Korean. ☐
- 5 Jess and I am British. ☐
- Jess and I are British. ☐
- 6 It an elephant. ☐
- It's an elephant. ☐
- 7 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.



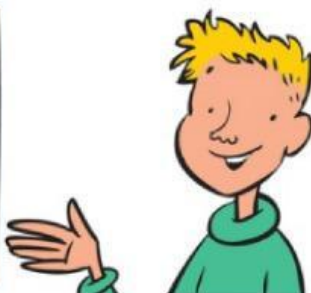
1 _____ sad.



5 _____ old.



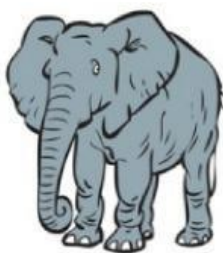
2 _____ tall.



6 _____ beautiful.



3 _____ big.



7 _____ angry.