



VERB TO BE – PRESENT TENSE

The verb "to be" is the most important verb to learn in English. In the present tense it has three forms: am, is, are. In the past tense, it has two forms: was and were.

- Personal Pronouns + verb to be (am/is/are)

Affirmative

Pattern	SUBJECT or Personal Pronouns	Verb to Be	Short form	
SINGULAR	I	am	I'm	First Person
	You	are	You're	Second Person
	He	is	He's	Third Person
	She	is	She's	Third Person
	It	is	It's	Third Person
PLURAL	We	are	We're	First Person
	You	are	You're	Second Person
	They	are	They're	Third Person

- My father _____ from Argentina.
- She _____ from Mexico. _____ Mexican.
- We _____ from Colombia.
- Mary and Paul _____ from Peru. _____ Peruvian.
- Peter and I _____ students.
- The dog _____ hungry.





- Personal Pronouns + verb to be (am/is/are) + negative form (not)

Negative

Pattern	SUBJECT Personal Pronouns P.P.	Verb To Be + negative form	Short form	
SINGULAR	I	am not	I'm not	First Person
	You	are not	You're not or you aren't	Second Person
	He	is not	He's not or he isn't	Third Person
	She	is not	She's not or she isn't	Third Person
	It	is not	It's not or it isn't	Third Person
PLURAL	We	are not	We're not or we aren't	First Person
	You	are not	You're not or you aren't	Second Person
	They	are not	They're not or they aren't	Third Person

- My father _____ from Peru.
- Jenny _____ from Nicaragua. She's Mexican.
- Mary and Paul _____ from Colombia.
- You and I _____ from Colombia.
- The dog _____ hungry.





- Aux. verb to be (am/is/are) + P.P. + complement + (?)

Simple Question

Pattern	Aux. Verb to be	SUBJECT Personal Pronoun s (P.P.)	?	
SINGULAR	Am	I	?	First Person
	are	You	?	Second Person
	is	he	?	Third Person
	is	she	?	Third Person
	is	it	?	Third Person
PLURAL	are	we	?	First Person
	are	you	?	Second Person
	are	they	?	Third Person

- ____ your father from Peru?
- ____ Mary from Nicaragua?
- ____ they from Colombia?
- ____ the dog hungry?



Questions		Positive answer		Negative answer	
am	I	I	Am	I'm	No, he's she's it's we're you're they're not.
is	He She It	He She It	Is		
are	We you They	We you They	are		

