

LESSON 4

READ

Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to the subject pronouns, and *is*, *am*, and *are* in bold.  1.1

Dorota and Simon are at the airport.

Dorota: Welcome! My name is Dorota. I am from Poland, but I am a citizen of the U.S.¹ now. My first language is Polish. English is my second language. This is my friend, Simon. He is from Mexico.

Simon: Hi. My name is Simon. I am from Mexico, but I am a citizen of the United States now, too. Spanish is my first language. My second language is English. We are both here to help you. We are helpful.

Dorota: You are new in this country. You are immigrants from other countries. Life is different here. Many things are different for you—the supermarket is different, the laundromat is different, and the bank and school are different, too. Everything is new for you. Maybe you are confused.

Simon: Dorota and I are here to help you in new places. The laundromat and supermarket are the first places to go.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some supermarkets and laundromats are open 24 hours a day.

¹ U.S. is an abbreviation for "United States."

LISTEN

Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle *True* or *False*.

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1. True	False	5. True	False
2. True	False	6. True	False
3. True	False	7. True	False
4. True	False	8. True	False

1.1 Subject Pronouns *Đại từ chủ ngữ*



EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the correct subject pronoun.
Điền vào mỗi chỗ trống 1 Đại từ chủ ngữ thích hợp.

1. We are immigrants.
2. Dorota is from Poland. is a U.S. citizen now.
3. am new to this country.
4. Simon is from Mexico. is from Mexico City.
5. You and I are new here. are from Brazil.
6. The bank is near my house. is big.
7. Simon and Dorota are friends. are helpful.
8. **Halina:** Thank you for your help.
Simon: are welcome.

1.2 Be—Affirmative Statements *Be - Câu khẳng định*

SUBJECT <i>Chủ ngữ</i>	BE	
I	am	a citizen.
Dorota She Simon He	is	from Poland. helpful. from Mexico. in the United States.
The supermarket It	is	different. big.
We You Dorota and Simon They	are	from Japan. new here. American citizens. helpful.

Lưu ý:

Động từ *to be* được dùng để:

1. mô tả chủ ngữ (helpful, big)
2. cho biết đối tượng đến từ đâu (from Mexico, from Poland)
3. phân loại chủ ngữ (a citizen)
4. biểu thị vị trí (here, in the United States)

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *be*: *am*, *is*, or *are*.

1. The laundromat _____ is different.
2. I _____ new here.
3. You _____ a citizen.
4. We _____ here to help you.
5. Some things _____ different in the United States.
6. He _____ confused.
7. Simon and Dorota _____ helpful.
8. Dorota _____ from Poland.

EXERCISE 3 Dorota is with Halina, a new immigrant. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *be*. Then listen and check your answers.  1.4 *Dorota đang nói chuyện với Halina, một người nhập cư mới. Điền vào chỗ trống với dạng đúng của be. Sau đó, lắng nghe và kiểm tra câu trả lời của bạn.*

Halina: Hi, Dorota. I 1. am Halina.

Dorota: You 2. are from Poland, right?

Halina: Yes. I 3. am new here.

Dorota: I 4. am from Poland, too. I 5. am here to help you. Simon 6. is here to help you, too. He 7. is from Mexico. Many people here 8. are from different countries.

Halina: I 9. feel a little confused. Many things 10. are new for me.

Dorota: Yes. Life 11. is different here. But Simon and I 12. are both here to help you.

ABOUT YOU Check (✓) the items that are true for you.

Đọc rồi chọn ✓ nếu đúng và ✗ nếu sai VỀ CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.

1. ✓ ✗ I am new to the United States.

6. ✓ ✗ I am an immigrant.

2. ✓ ✗ I am new at this school.

7. ✓ ✗ Americans are helpful.

3. ✓ ✗ Life is different in a new country.

8. ✓ ✗ I am from Mexico.

4. ✓ ✗ I am confused about life in the United States.

9. ✓ ✗ Spanish is my first language.

5. ✓ ✗ I am a citizen of the United States.

10. ✓ ✗ My family is in the United States.

ABOUT YOU Fill in the blanks.

Điền vào chỗ trống thông tin VỀ CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.

1. My name is _____.

6. _____ is different in the

2. I am from _____.

United States.

3. _____ is my first language.

7. _____ are different in the

4. I am confused about _____.

United States.

5. _____ is my friend.

8. _____ is helpful.

BEFORE YOU READ

Circle Yes or No. *Đọc rồi chọn Yes hoặc NO về CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.*

1. I use the laundromat. Yes No

2. I wash my clothes by hand. Yes No

READ

Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to the contractions with *be* and *this, that, these, and those* in bold. **1.5** *Đọc đoạn hội thoại sau. Đặc biệt chú ý đến các dạng viết tắt của be và this, that, these, và those (in đậm).*

Dorota and a new immigrant, Shafia, are at the laundromat.

Dorota: This is the laundromat.

Shafia: The **laundromat**'s new for me. I'm a little confused.

Dorota: Don't worry. **We're** together. I'm here to help you.

Shafia: Thanks. My clothes are dirty. I need clean clothes. I'm glad **we're** here.

Dorota: **These** are the washing machines, or washers.

The small machines are for small items—clothes, towels, and sheets.

Those big machines are for big items, like blankets. Coins are necessary for the machines. Over there is the change machine.

Shafia: **Those** machines over there are different.

Dorota: Yes. **They're** dryers. They are for the wet clothes.

Shafia: Okay. Wow! It's hot inside the laundromat.

Dorota: You're right. The dryers are very hot.

Shafia: It's easy to wash clothes in a laundromat.

Dorota: Yes, it is.

Shafia: **These** two washers are empty. I'm ready to wash my clothes.



DID YOU KNOW?

The average American family washes almost 400 loads of laundry each year.

COMPREHENSION

Based on the reading, write T for *true* or F for *false*.

ĐỌC HIỂU: Dựa vào bài đọc, Chọn True - Đúng hoặc False - Sai

1. _____ The laundromat is new for Dorota.

2. _____ Shafia's clothes are dirty.

3. _____ The dryers are for the wet clothes.

WORDS TO KNOW

1.6 *Từ vựng*

don't worry Don't worry. I'm here to help you.

together Dorota is with Shafia. They're **together**.

clothes This is my shirt. Those are my pants. These are my **clothes**.

dirty Your clothes are **dirty**. You need to wash them.

clean My clothes are **clean**. I don't need to wash mine.

glad I'm **glad** we're here. I'm happy.

item These machines are for small **items**. Those machines are for bigger things.

necessary It's **necessary** to wash clothes. You need to do it.

change machine	When you put a dollar bill in the change machine , it gives you coins. Four quarters is change for one dollar.
right	A: It's hot here. B: Yes, you're right . It is hot.
empty	The dryer is empty . It is available.
ready	A: It's time to go. B: Yes, I'm ready ! We can go.

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Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle **True** or **False**.  1.7

1. True	False	4. True	False
2. True	False	5. True	False
3. True	False	6. True	False

1.3 Contractions (Short Forms) *Dạng viết tắt*

LONG FORM <i>Dạng đầy đủ</i>	CONTRACTION <i>Dạng viết tắt</i>	EXAMPLES <i>Ví dụ</i>
I am	I'm	I'm here to help.
She is	She's	She's from Poland.
He is	He's	He's from Mexico.
It is	It's	It's hot in here.
Life is	Life's	Life's different.
Everything is	Everything's	Everything's new.
Dorota is	Dorota's	Dorota's from Poland.
The laundromat is	The laundromat's	The laundromat's hot.
You are	You're	You're very helpful.
We are	We're	We're together.
They are	They're	They're at the laundromat.

Lưu ý:

- Để thực hiện một phép thu gọn (dạng viết tắt), ta đặt dấu nháy đơn (') thay cho chữ cái còn thiếu.
- Chúng ta có thể thực hiện viết tắt với 1 đại từ chủ ngữ + am, is hoặc are.
- Chúng ta có thể thực hiện viết tắt với 1 chủ ngữ số ít + is.
- Chúng ta KHÔNG THỂ thực hiện viết tắt với một danh từ số nhiều + are.

Ví dụ: The **dryers** **are** empty. ✓

Not: The **dryers're** empty. ✗

GRAMMAR IN USE NGỮ PHÁP TRONG SỬ DỤNG

It is common to contract a noun or name + *be* in spoken English. *Ta thường nói tắt 1 danh từ hoặc 1 tên riêng + be trong giao tiếp.*
Simon's from Mexico.

We don't usually contract a noun or name + *be* in written English. *Ta thường KHÔNG viết tắt 1 danh từ hoặc 1 tên riêng + be trong văn bản.*

EXERCISE 4 Write the contraction for the words given.

1. I'm new here.
I am
2. Simon is from Mexico. He is a citizen of the United States now.
3. Dorota is from Poland. She is a citizen, too.
4. They are both very helpful.
5. The laundromat is big.
6. It is hot in the laundromat.
7. You are new here. I am new, too.
We are both new.