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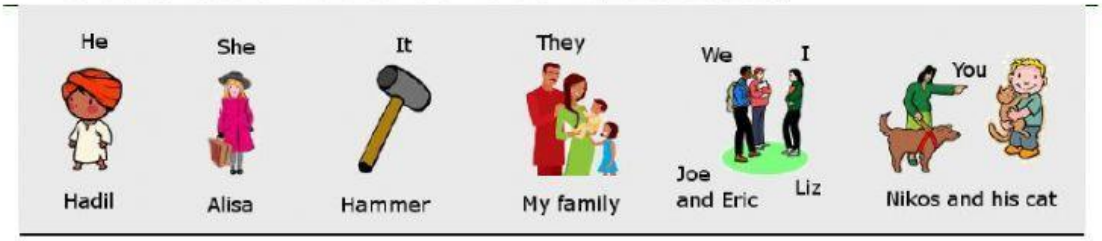
Exercise 1

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of the verb "To be" in *present tense.*



Example: I (be) am happy.

1) I (be) _____ tired.
2) I (be) _____ hungry.
3) I (be) _____ late!

Example: He / She / It (be) is happy.

4) He (be) _____ cool.
5) She (be) _____ pretty.
6) It (be) _____ fast.

Now we'll use nouns instead of pronouns…

10) John (be) _____ excited.
11) Tiffany and Uma (be) _____ my friends.
12) Ricardo, John and I (be) _____ watching a movie.
13) Hadil (be) _____ kind.
14) Alisa (be) _____ young.
15) The hammer (be) _____ new.
16) My mother and father (be) _____ cooking dinner.
17) Rachel (be) _____ driving to school.

Example:
You / We / They (be) are happy.

7) You (be) _____ nice.
8) We (be) _____ sleepy.
9) They (be) _____ funny.

18) Nikkos and Billy (be) _____ playing at the park.
19) The students (be) _____ studying English.
20) The test (be) _____ hard!
21) My best friend (be) _____ coming to my house.

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Exercise 2

Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of "to be" in *present tense.*

Example: I (be) am excited.
Example: Jessica and Akbar (be) are happy.
Example: The new car (be) is nice.

1) The bag (be) _____ blue.

A. am
B. are
C. is

2) The rocks (be) _____ hard.

A. am
B. are
C. is

3) The children (be) _____ young.

A. am
B. are
C. is

4) Thomas (be) _____ nice.

A. am
B. are
C. is

5) The game (be) _____ difficult.

A. am
B. are
C. is

6) They (be) _____ tired.

A. am
B. are
C. is

7) I (be) _____ thirty years old.

A. am
B. are
C. is

8) Susan and Juan (be) _____ married.

A. am
B. are
C. is

9) Teddy (be) _____ my friend.

A. am
B. are
C. is

10) We (be) _____ in English class.

A. am
B. are
C. is

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Exercise 3

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of the verb "to be" in *present tense.*

Note: The verb can be positive (+) or negative (-). Use not to form the negative.

Example: My teacher (be) is nice. (+)

Example: The cat (be, not) is not hungry. (-)

1) The old man (be) _____ wise.

2) The sun (be) _____ hot.

3) The children (be) _____ eating bananas. They (be, not) ____ ____ eating apples.

4) I (be) _____ happy. I (be, not) ____ ____ sad.

5) The racecar (be) _____ fast. It (be, not) ____ ____ slow.

6) My friend (be) _____ buying a new car. Her old car broke down. It doesn't work anymore.

7) I (be) _____ at the beach with my family. It (be) _____ hot and sunny outside. The ocean water (be) _____ warm.

8) Ko and Jacob (be) _____ very smart. Ko (be) _____ a scientist and Jacob (be) _____ an engineer.

9) The library (be) _____ open until 9:00 p.m.

10) The school (be) _____ small. It (be, not) ____ ____ big.

11) The books (be) _____ new. They (be, not) ____ ____ old.

12) Tommy, Steven, and Teddy (be) _____ acting in the school play.

13) Beatrice (be) _____ at her house.

14) It (be) _____ hot outside. It (be, not) ____ ____ cold outside.

15) You (be) _____ finished with the quiz!

16) Judith (be, not) ____ ____ at home. She (be) _____ school.

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Exercise 4

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in *present tense.*

My name (be) _____(1) John. I (be) _____(2) fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) _____(3) in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) ____ ____(4) loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) _____(5) still dark when I wake up. But I don't mind. I like waking up that early. I like the way the country looks in the morning.

The first thing I do after I wake up is milk the cow. After I (be) _____(6) finished milking the cow, I bring the milk to my mom. I think she uses it to make breakfast. She makes a delicious breakfast. My mom (be) _____(7) a really good cook.

Next, I feed the pigs. One time, I asked my mom how come my little sister doesn't feed them. She said it is because my sister (be, not) ____ ____(8) strong enough. But I still don't understand. She is almost as strong as me! I guess my mom doesn't want my sister to get hurt. After all, the pigs can (be) _____(9) pretty rough, especially when they (be) _____(10) hungry.

The last thing I do (be) _____(11) feed the chickens. That (be) _____(12) easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) _____(13) eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) _____(14) really good to eat. They (be) _____(15) easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) _____(16) pretty busy.