

1 Are You Here on Vacation?

3 Grammar

Simple Present of the Verb *Be*

Use the simple present of the verb *be* to talk about situations and events that exist in the present or that are always true.

I'm on vacation. Riyadh **is** in Saudi Arabia.

Yes-No Questions (?)

Are you here on vacation?

Is Ahmed happy in his new job?

Is it very cold in your country?

Is the museum open on Sundays?

Are you here for the festival?

Are they from Egypt?

Short Answers (+)

Yes, I **am**.

Yes, he **is**.

Yes, it **is**.

Yes, it **is**.

Yes, we **are**.

Yes, they **are**.

Short Answers (-)

No, I'm **not**.

No, he **isn't**.

No, it **isn't**.

No, it **isn't**.

No, we **aren't**.

No, they **aren't**.

Information Questions: *How, What, When, Where, Who, Why*

How's it going? (How + is)

Fine, thanks.

What's your last name? (What + is)

It's Al Zahrani.

When's the festival? (When + is)

It's in February.

Where's your friend from? (Where + is)

He's from Jeddah.

Who's that tall man? (Who + is)

That's my uncle.

Why's he here? (Why + is)

He's here for the festival.

- A.** Complete the conversation. Use the correct form of the verb **be** or short answers with **be**.
You can use contractions. Then practice with a partner.

A: _____ you here on vacation?

B: No, I _____ here for the writers festival.

A: It sounds like fun. So, what _____ your job?

B: I _____ a novelist, and my friend _____ a poet.

We _____ here for the festival.

_____ you here for the festival, too?

A: No, _____. I _____ here on vacation.

I _____ here with my friend, too.

He _____ there near the reception desk.

B: _____ he the tall man in the red shirt?

A: Yes, _____. Let me introduce you to him.

- B.** Interview a classmate. Ask for this personal information.

1. name

2. spelling of first and last names

3. age and date of birth

4. nationality

5. address

6. telephone number

7. email address

8. occupation

