

BE = *ser / estar*

USOS. Usamos BE para hablar de:

• edad	<i>I am 24, and my brother is 19.</i>
• profesión	<i>She is a student, and her parents are engineers.</i>
• precio	<i>This watch is \$30.</i>
• la hora	<i>It is nine o'clock.</i>
• sensaciones / emociones	<i>I'm hungry.</i>
• nacionalidad	<i>They're Australian, but I'm British.</i>
• colores	<i>His eyes are blue.</i>
• identidad	<i>I'm Julie, and her name is Susan.</i>
• relaciones	<i>We are sisters.</i>
• descripciones	<i>My jeans are old and faded.</i>

AFIRMATIVO. El verbo *be* es el más irregular del inglés. Las formas de *be* en presente simple son:

Affirmative			
I	am	I'm	
He		He's	
She	is	She's	
It		It's	
We		We're	
You	are	You're	
They		They're	

happy.

Algunos alumnos evitan utilizar la forma corta (contraída) porque piensan que suena informal. No es así. Es muy común y natural utilizar las formas contraídas.



* Tenga en cuenta que se puede usar la forma contraída con nombres:

John's in Houston. / London's in England.

NEGATIVO. Formamos el negativo por agregar la palabra *not* después de *be*.

Negative			
I	am not	I'm not	
He		He's not	
She	is not	She's not	
It		It's not	
We		We're not	
You	are not	You're not	
They		They're not	

INTERROGATIVO. Formar preguntas de *sí/no* (preguntas cerradas) con *be* es fácil: basta con cambiar el orden del sujeto y verbo; es decir, mover el verbo al principio de la pregunta.

Interrogative		
Am	I	
	he	
Is	she	
	it	
		late?
Are	we	
	you	
	they	

No se usa la forma breve en preguntas.



Al oido de un angloparlante, suena abrupto—descortés—contestar con solo un *sí* o un *no*. Es común usar lo siguiente:

Short Answers		
Yes,	I	am.
	he	
Yes,	she	is.
	it	
	we	
Yes,	you	are.
	they	

Short Answers		
No,	I'm not.	
	he's not.	he isn't.
No,	she's not.	she isn't.
	it's not.	it isn't.
	we're not.	we aren't.
No,	you're not.	you aren't.
	they're not.	they aren't.

Para formar preguntas de información (con *who?*, *what?*, *when?*, *where?*, *why?*, *how?*, etc.), el interrogativo se pone adelante del verbo *be*.

Interrogative		
Who	am	I ?
		he
Why	is	she unhappy?
		it
		we ?
Where	are	you ?
		they ?

Vamos a practicar...

Completa las frases con la forma correcta de *be*.

- 1) Cars _____ are expensive.
- 2) Paul _____ a student.
- 3) I _____ short.
- 4) Marco and Marta _____ from Argentina.
- 5) It _____ very cold today.
- 6) I _____ tired.
- 7) The bus _____ late again.
- 8) You _____ in class 2C.
- 9) She _____ an architect.
- 10) Julia and I _____ in the kitchen.

Escribe las frases utilizando la forma corta (la forma contraída).

- 1) She is angry. _____
- 2) They are green. _____
- 3) I am an astronaut. _____
- 4) You are friendly. _____
- 5) He is thirsty. _____
- 6) They are bad dogs. _____
- 7) It is 3 p.m. _____
- 8) We are cousins. _____
- 9) He is 14 years old. _____
- 10) John is a pharmacist. _____

Completa las siguientes frases con la forma negativa de *be*.

- 1) I _____ Spanish, I'm Italian.
- 2) Peter _____ a good student.
- 3) My eyes _____ blue. They're brown.
- 4) His sister _____ a nurse. She's a doctor.
- 5) That movie _____ very good. It's boring.
- 6) You _____ late for the party.
- 7) It _____ my dog.
- 8) We _____ on vacation.

Convierte las siguientes frases en preguntas.

- 1) Maria is in the bathroom. _____ ?
- 2) The children are 9 years old. _____ ?
- 3) The sofa is new. _____ ?
- 4) Tom is a scientist. _____ ?
- 5) The cake is in the oven. _____ ?
- 6) You are a good cook. _____ ?
- 7) I am sick. _____ ?
- 8) They are his parents. _____ ?
- 9) The computer is very fast. _____ ?
- 10) The red car is his. _____ ?

Traduce estas frases a tu propio idioma.

- 1) My brother is six years old. _____
- 2) A cup of coffee is \$3. _____
- 3) Is your father a teacher? _____
- 4) We're not interested in computers. _____
- 5) I am 26 years old. _____
- 6) It is 2 p.m. _____
- 7) The blue jacket is Tom's. _____
- 8) Are the boys in your class? _____
- 9) I am not hungry. _____
- 10) You are a great singer! _____