

LEARNING UNIT # 1

VERB TO BE



TO BE Simple Present Tense



AFFIRMATIVE

NEGATIVE

SINGULAR	I	am	happy.	I	am not	sad.	Contraction of "am not" is not possible amn't isn't = is not
	You	are	at school.	You	aren't	at home.	
	He	is	hungry.	He	isn't	thirsty.	
	She	is	a nurse.	She	isn't	a pilot.	
	It	is	big.	It	isn't	small.	
PLURAL	We	are	early.	We	aren't	late.	aren't = are not
	You	are	students.	You	aren't	teachers.	
	They	are	quiet.	They	aren't	noisy.	

QUESTIONS

+	Affirmative	They are happy.	She is rich.
?	Question	Are they happy ?	Is she rich ?
	Short Answer	Yes, they are / No, they aren't	Yes, she is / No, she isn't

CONTRACTIONS

I am not...	He is not...	You are not...	We are not...	They are not...
I'm not...	He's not...	You're not...	We're not...	They're not...
X (not possible)	He isn't...	You aren't...	We aren't...	They aren't...

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Verb TO BE (La traducción al español del verbo BE es SER o ESTAR.)

AFFIRMATIVE FORM

Subject + V_{be} + Complement

I	—	am	}	a student.
He	➤	is		}
She				
It				
You	➤	are	}	good friends.
We				
They				

* Recuerda que estamos usando el verb to be en tiempo PRESENTE.

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Contractions with 'Be' Verbs

Statements

Affirmative

Negative

NOTE: Contractions are **NOT** used with the past forms of the 'Be' verb (was & were).

I'm late!



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| ● I am late. | I <u>m</u> late. | I <u>m not</u> late. | |
| ● You are late. | You're late. | You're not late. | OR You aren't late. |
| ● He is late. | He's late. | He's not late. | OR He isn't late. |
| ● She is late. | She's late. | She's not late. | OR She isn't late. |
| ● It is late. | It's late. | It's not late. | OR It isn't late. |
| ● We are late. | We're late. | We're not late. | OR We aren't late. |
| ● They are late. | They're late. | They're not late. | OR They aren't late. |

- **Contractions** are commonly used in spoken English, but less commonly used in written English. They are often be found in 'friendly' texts, (such as e-mails to friends) but not in 'formal' texts (such as business letters, cover letters and job resumes).



NOTE:
The contraction of
"I am not" is "I'm not"
BUT NEVER "Imn't"



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VERB "TO BE"

INTERROGATIVE FORM / SHORT ANSWERS

Am I in first cycle?

Are you...?

Is he...?

Is she...?

Is it...?

Are we...?

Are you...?

Are they...?



Yes, you **are**. / No, you **aren't**.

Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**.

Yes, he **is**. / No, he **isn't**.

Yes, she **is**. / No, she **isn't**.

Yes, it **is**. / No, it **isn't**.

Yes, we **are**. / No, we **aren't**.

Yes, we **are**. / No, we **aren't**.

Yes, they **are**. / No, they **aren't**.



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ORAL TASK: PRACTICE THE FOLLOWING CONVERSATIONS WITH A CLASSMATE. CHECK HOW VERB TO BE IS USED IN CONTEXT.

Conversation 1

Man: Hello! Are you a new student?

Woman: Yes, I am. Today is my first day.

Man: Well, welcome. My name is Tony.

Woman: Hi, Tony. I'm Beth.

Man: Are you new in town?

Woman: Yes, I'm from New York.

Man: Wow! The Big City! Well, I hope you like our small town.

Woman: Are you from around here?

Man: Yes, I am. Born and raised here.

Woman: That is so cool. Well, it is nice to meet you.

Man: Nice to meet you, too.



Conversation 2

Man: Hey Beth, how is your first day?

Woman: It is really good. This school is great!

Man: How are your classes?

Woman: They are fun! My teachers are so nice.

Man: Who are your teachers?

Woman: My English teacher is Mr. Wong.

Man: Oh, he is really nice.

Woman: Yes, he is. My Spanish teacher is Mrs. Garcia.

Man: Oh, she is really nice, too.

Woman: Yes, her class is a lot of fun!



Conversation 3



Man: What is your favorite class?

Woman: Spanish. I love it. My Spanish is not very good, though. I am just a beginner.

Man: Well, Spanish is my first language. My name is Tony, short for Antonio.

Woman: Really! That is so cool.

Man: Yeah, my dad is from Mexico, and my mom is from Costa Rica.

Woman: Wow! You are so lucky.

Man: Yeah, Spanish is easy for me, so I can help you if you like.

Woman: I'd like that. Thank you!

Conversation 4

Woman: Tony, where is the computer lab?

Man: It's just down the hall.

Woman: My Spanish class is there tomorrow.

Man: Oh, when is the class?

Woman: It's at 6, after school.

Man: Why isn't the class online?

Woman: It is, but I'm still new in town, so I don't have internet at home yet.

Man: Oh, I see. Well, good luck with the class.

Woman: Thanks. I'm excited for it. I think online classes are fun!

Man: I think so, too.



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Pair Work

ORAL TASK: LET'S SEE HOW QUESTIONS WITH VERB TO BE ARE USED IN CONTEXT.

Conversation 1



Man: Are you hot?

Woman: Yes, I am very hot.

Man: Is the air-con on?

Woman: No, it is off.

Man: Can I turn it on?

Woman: Yes, please do.

Conversation 2



Man: Is your house big?

Woman: Yes, it is pretty big.

Man: Is it new?

Woman: No, it is very old.

Man: Is it nice?

Woman: Not really. I want to move.

Conversation 3



Man: I like your shoes. Are they new?

Woman: Yes, I just got them.

Man: Are they expensive?

Woman: No, they are very cheap.

Man: Are they from the discount shoe shop?

Woman: Yes! How did you guess?

Conversation 4



Man: Are you hungry?

Woman: Yes, I am very hungry.

Man: Do you want pizza?

Woman: Yes, let's get some.


Man: Is the pizza shop still open?

Woman: Yes, it is open 24 hours.

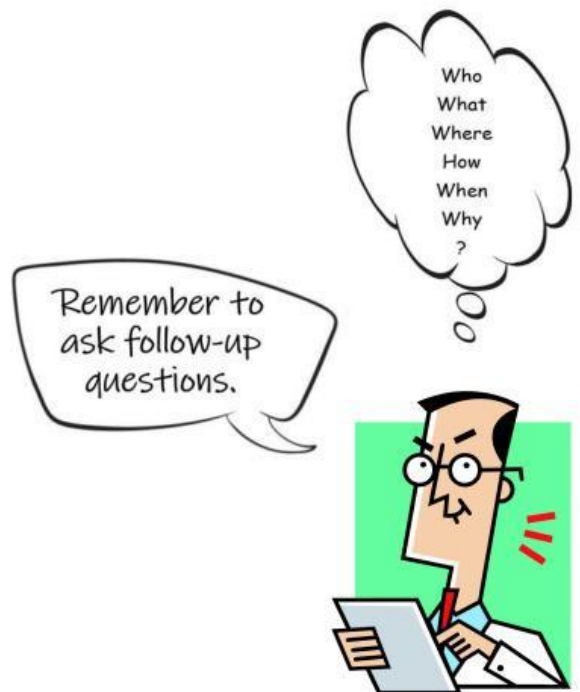
GRAMMAR DISCUSSION

BE VERB (PRESENT)

Student 'A'

 Discuss the questions below with your partner.

1. Are you shy?
2. Are you always on time for this class?
3. What *is* your favorite TV show?
4. Are you a famous person?
5. Are you tired now?
6. Who *is* your favorite movie star?
7. What *is* your favorite time of day?
8. Are you happy when you do homework?
9. *Is* summer your favorite season?
10. *Is* *Saprissa* your favorite soccer team?
11. Are you *punctual*?
12. Are you married?
13. Is Costa Rica expensive?
14. Is your birthday in November?
15. Ask YOUR OWN QUESTIONS (5 QUESTIONS)



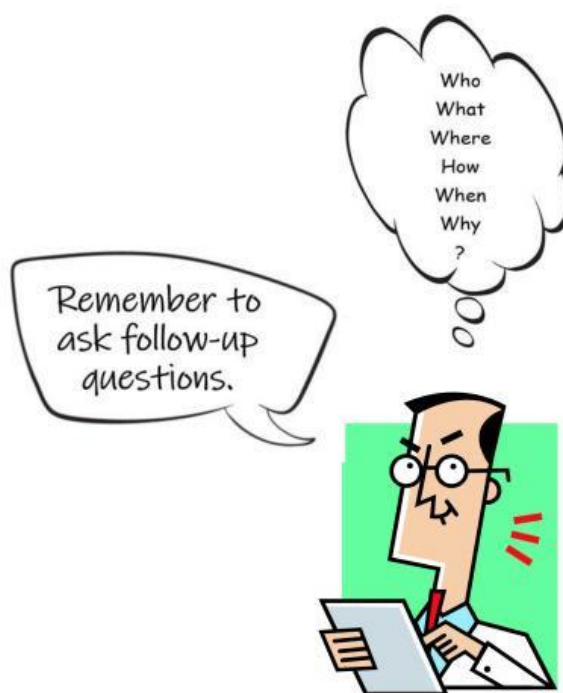
GRAMMAR DISCUSSION

BE VERB (PRESENT)

Student 'B'

✚ Discuss the questions below with your partner.

1. **Are** you from Heredia?
2. What **are** your hobbies?
3. What **is** your favorite YouTube channel?
4. **Are** you a very busy person?
5. **Are** you hungry now?
6. Who **is** your favorite singer?
7. What **is** your favorite day of the week?
8. **Are** you nervous before a test?
9. **Is** pizza your favorite food?
10. Is Costa Rica cheap?
11. Are you American?
12. Are you 27 years old?
13. Is Heredia your favorite soccer team?
14. Are you a hard-working person?
15. Ask YOUR OWN QUESTIONS (5 QUESTIONS)



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