

## VERB TO BE

### PRESENT & PAST

#### A.- Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb to be (+, -?)

1. I was a student two years ago but now I am a dentist.
2. The children were at the playground yesterday.
3. Sally comes from Brazil.
4. I wasn't at home last night. (-)
5. Bob is in the kitchen at the moment.
6. Miss Loure is a beautiful actress.
7. Lucia was in Argentina last summer.
8. They were (-) in Paris in 1996.
9. Where were you last weekend?
10. Tom and his father were by the river last night.

#### B.- Complete with was, were, wasn't or weren't.



Hello! My name is Rebecca. Last summer was very special for me. My brother and I were at the summer camp in the south of Spain. It was the first camp for my brother because he went to one two years ago. We were both very happy. There were any other children from my school, but we made friends quickly. The weather was lovely. It was sunny and warm. We had a great time.

## THERE IS / THERE ARE

### The Indefinite Article (a or an)

The indefinite article a (or an before a word that begins with a vowel sound) is used before a noun that is general (not specific) or when its identity is not known.

**In certain situations, no indefinite article is used.** We do not use an indefinite article before plural nouns, and we do not use an indefinite article before non-count nouns. A non-count noun is a thing you can't count because it is too small (snow, hair, etc.) or a liquid (soup, water, etc).

Complete the affirmative and negative sentences with **is**, **are**, **isn't** and **aren't**.

There is a cinema on that big ship. ✓

- 1 There is a shop near our school. ✗
- 2 There are some cafés in the street. ✓
- 3 There is an old bridge in Paris. ✓
- 4 There aren't any buses today. ✗
- 5 There isn't a library here. ✗
- 6 There are ten flats in the building. ✓

#### C.- Complete the sentences by choosing the appropriate indefinite article (a or an) before the nouns. If no indefinite article is necessary, choose Ø.

1. Roberto needs an pencil and an eraser.
2. Do you have any homework this week?
3. Alice is a police officer. She wears an uniform to work every day.
4. I need some exercise and some sleep to stay healthy.
5. We will pick up a large pizza and a beer before the soccer match.
6. I want a Big Mac and some french fries.
7. It's raining out! We need an umbrella and some raincoats.
8. They like some dogs and some cats.
9. Please buy me some milk and a loaf of bread at the supermarket.
10. I have to take an exam in an hour.

### Is there ... ?, Are there ... ?, How many ... ?

Complete the questions and answers. You can use the words more than once.

are how is two there's  
many there isn't

'Is there a market?' 'No, there isn't.'

- 1 'There is any restaurants?'
- 2 'There are many schools are there?'
- 3 'There is a nice square?'
- 4 'Are there any bookshops?'
- 5 'There are many new streets are there?'
- 6 'There is a zoo?'
- 7 'How many bridges are there?'