

ENGLISH IN ACTION III

UNIT 1 – LESSON A – VERB TO BE

Present simple forms of 'to be' – am/is/are

Exercise 1: Choose the correct present simple forms of 'to be' for the gaps below.

- 1.- _____ you a teacher? B: Yes, I _____.
- 2.- _____ your name Marcus? B: Yes, it _____.
- 3.- _____ your children here? B: No, they _____.
- 4.- _____ this your suitcase? B: No, it _____.
- 5.- Where _____ we? B: I think this _____ Oxford Street.
- 6.- _____ it Saturday today? B: No, It _____ Sunday.
- 7.- _____ your friends from the UK? B: No, he _____ are from the US.
- 8.- Hello, Maria. How _____ you? B: _____ fine, thanks.
- 9.- How old is _____ Peter? B: I think _____ 30 years old.
- 10.- _____ David and Molly here? B: Yes, _____ next to the door.

Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences using the short forms of *be*.

- 1.- She is fantastic ⇒ _____ fantastic.
- 2.- We are in Spain ⇒ _____ in Spain.
- 3.- You are not my friend ⇒ You _____ my friend.
- 4.- Sheila is from Brighton. ⇒ _____ from Brighton.
- 5.- The chairs are not expensive. ⇒ The chairs _____ expensive.
- 6.- I am not British ⇒ _____ British.

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7.- Clara is a good student. ⇒ _____ a good student.

8.- You are great. ⇒ _____ great.

9.- They are my friends. ⇒ _____ my friends.

10.- He is not angry. ⇒ He _____ angry.

Exercise 4: Fill in the gaps with the correct present simple forms of 'to be'.

Sofie: Hello. _____ you from here?

Dino: No, we _____. And you? _____ you from here?

Sofie: No, I _____ from France. My name _____ Sofie.

Dino: Nice to meet you. I _____ Dino. And this _____ Francesca.

Sofie: Where _____ you from?

Dino: We _____ from Italy.

Sofie: _____ you from Rome?

Dino: No, we _____. We _____ from the north of Italy. I _____ from Torino, and Francesca _____ from Milano.

Sofie: _____ you here on holiday?

Dino: No, we _____. It _____ a study trip. This _____ a beautiful place.

Sofie: Yes, it _____. _____ the trip nice?

Dino: Very nice.