

Statements with Present of Be

Tell Me About Yourself

Present of Be: Affirmative Statements

1 Complete the sentences with *am*, *is*, or *are*. Use the full forms.

My name is Tasha, and I am (1) from Poland. I _____ (2) a student at Parkview University. It _____ (3) a good school. My major _____ (4) chemistry. I _____ (5) a senior this year. My sister Anka _____ (6) at Parkview, too. She _____ (7) 19 years old. Her favorite subjects _____ (8) computer science and art. Our grades _____ (9) very good. My mother and father _____ (10) in Poland. They _____ (11) professors at the college in our hometown. They _____ (12) happy we are at a good university.



2 Complete the conversation with *'m*, *'re*, or *'s*.

Tasha: Hi. I 'm (1) Tasha.

José: Hi, Tasha. I _____ (2) José. I _____ (3) from Colombia.

Tasha: I _____ (4) Polish.

José: You _____ (5) in my English class. My friend Yuchin is in our class, too. She _____ (6) Chinese. Oh, and my friend Juan is in our class, too. He _____ (7) from Ecuador.

Tasha: The class is very international! My major is chemistry. It _____ (8) very interesting.

José: My major is chemistry, too. Maybe we _____ (9) in the same classes.

Tasha: Maybe! They _____ (10) big classes. My sister Anka is in our English class, too. She _____ (11) a computer science major.

José: You _____ (12) both science majors?

Tasha: Yes, and our parents are happy about that. They _____ (13) chemistry and engineering professors in Poland.

José: You _____ (14) from a very scientific family!

3 Complete the sentences with the subject pronouns *I, you, he, she, it, we, and they* and the verbs *am, is, or are*. Use the full forms.

A Kent Community College is very well-known. It is in New York.
(1) (1)
 more than 50 years old. The students are from different countries.
(2) (2)
 all interesting.
(3) (3)

B I am a student at Kent Community College. _____ a business major.
(4) (4)

My major is very interesting. _____ a popular major for many students.
(5) (5)

My friend Michael is a business major, too. _____ from Australia.
(6) (6)

Michael and I are good friends. _____ in all of the same business classes.
(7) (7)

C My sister, Susan, is at Kent Community College, too. _____ a music
(8) (8)
major. Her instruments are piano and guitar. _____ easy for her. Susan
(9) (9)
and I are singers. _____ in the school chorus.
(10) (10)

D You and your classmates are students, too. _____ (11) _____ (11) in an English class.
_____ (12) _____ (12) ready to improve your English.

4 Unscramble the words to make sentences. Use *am*, *is*, or *are*.

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| 1. a business major / Jack | <i>Jack is a business major.</i> |
| 2. His school / in Florida | |
| 3. very popular / It | |
| 4. right now / in class / He | |
| 5. Rita / His sister | |
| 6. 18 years old / She | |
| 7. His friends / good students | |
| 8. accounting majors / They | |
| 9. I / an English student | |
| 10. English students / You and José | |

5 Write sentences that are true about you. Use *am*, *is*, or *are*.

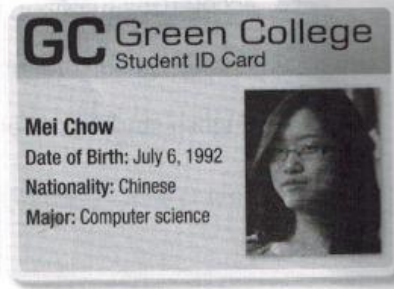
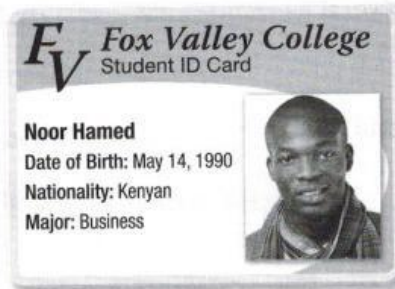
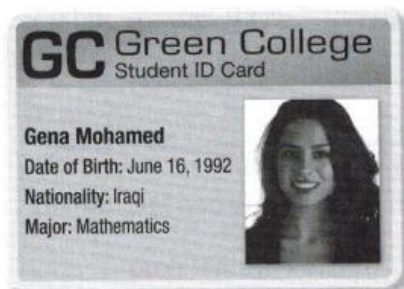
1. I (occupation) I am a student.
2. I (nationality) _____
3. My teacher (nationality) _____
4. My classes (difficult/easy) _____
5. My favorite subject (class subject) _____

Present of Be: Negative Statements

1 Complete the sentences. Use *am not*, *is not*, or *are not*.

1. Boston is a big city. It is not in the state of New York.
2. Many buildings in Boston are old. They _____ new.
3. The weather in this city is cold in the winter. It _____ warm.
4. Los Angeles is a very popular city. It _____ a boring city.
5. The people in Los Angeles are from many countries. They _____ all from the United States.
6. We are students. We _____ teachers.
7. You are in an English class. You _____ in a Spanish class.
8. I am from Boston. I _____ from Los Angeles.
9. My friend Lisa is a math teacher in Boston. She _____ a science teacher.
10. Daniel is an English teacher in Boston. He _____ a French teacher.
11. Daniel and Lisa _____ teachers in the same school.
12. Lisa _____ in the English department.

2 A Look at the student ID cards. Write sentences with *'s not* and *'re not* after pronouns and *isn't* and *aren't* after names and nouns.



1. Gena Mohamed / from Egypt

Gena Mohamed isn't from Egypt.

2. Noor Hamed / 36 years old

3. His major / computer science

4. Noor / Iraqi

5. Gena and Mei / at Fox Valley College

6. They / business majors

7. Mei / Kenyan

8. Gena, Noor, and Mei / teachers

B Write your own sentences about Gena, Noor, and Mei. Write affirmative sentences with *is* and *are*. Then write negative sentences with *'s not* and *'re not* after pronouns and *isn't* and *aren't* after names and nouns. Use the information from the ID cards.

Affirmative

1. Gena is from Iraq.

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Negative

5. Gena and Noor aren't computer science majors.

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

Avoid Common Mistakes

1 Circle the mistakes.

1. Sarah is a student. She is no in class now. She is in the library.
(a) (b) (c)
2. Alex and Mary academic advisers. They are always busy. They are helpful.
(a) (b) (c)
3. Mr. Garcia is a teacher. His classes are interesting. Is a good teacher.
(a) (b) (c)
4. My major is education. Is a popular major. Many students are interested in it.
(a) (b) (c)
5. Susan is my roommate. We the same age. We are 19 years old.
(a) (b) (c)
6. The computers are in the library. They are old. They are no new.
(a) (b) (c)
7. You are in my English class. I always late. You are always on time.
(a) (b) (c)
8. I am crazy about science. My major is biology. I am no interested in business.
(a) (b) (c)

2 Find and correct eight more mistakes in the university tutoring program's website.

Hope University Learning Center: Tutoring Service

Welcome to the Learning Center. Our tutors ^{are} here six days a week. The center is no open on Sunday. Is in the building next to the library. The hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The service free. It is no difficult to use. Appointments necessary. All tutors are graduate students at the university. They are no professors. They are very helpful. They are smart and friendly. Your grades important to us. Students are always happy with our service, and we happy to help you!

Self-Assessment

Circle the word or phrase that correctly completes each sentence.

1. Sandra and I ____ at Metro Community College.
a. am students b. aren't students c. students
2. ____ are in the library.
a. She b. It c. You

3. John is a psychology major. ____ 21 years old.
a. It is b. He is c. Is
4. ____ in class now.
a. They b. They are c. They be
5. The adviser ____ interested in my academic plans.
a. are b. is c. no is
6. Pedro is good with computers. ____ a music student.
a. He b. He isn't c. I no am
7. I ____ 21 years old.
a. is b. am c. are
8. My business class is fun. ____ boring.
a. It's not b. It aren't c. It no is
9. We are good students. ____ late for class.
a. We no are b. We're not c. We no
10. The English class is at 1:00 p.m. ____ at 2:00 p.m.
a. It no b. No is c. It's not
11. Brian ____ late for class today.
a. are b. is no c. is
12. Sara and James are at the movies. ____ at the library.
a. They are not b. He is not c. She is not
13. Anna and I are in the same classes. ____ both on the soccer team, too.
a. She is b. They are c. We are
14. The computers in the classroom ____ very good.
a. is not b. are no c. are not
15. The students ____ adults.
a. are b. is c. isn't