

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

The verb *be*

I'm Lena Garza.	Are you Andrea Clark?	I'm = I am
You're in my class.	Yes, I am . (Yes, I'm .)	You're = You are
She's over there. (Andrea is over there.)	No, I'm not .	He's = He is
He's in our class. (Ben is in our class.)		She's = She is
It's Garza. (My last name is Garza.)	How are you ?	It's = It is
	I'm fine, thanks.	

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A Complete the conversation with the correct words in parentheses.
Then practice with a partner.

- Ben** Hello, Christy. How are (are / is) you?
- Christy** _____ (I'm / It's) fine, thanks. _____ (I'm / It's)
sorry – what's your name again?
- Ben** _____ (Is / It's) Ben – Ben Durant.
- Christy** That's right! Ben, this _____ (is / it's) Joshua Brown.
_____ (He's / She's) in our history class.
- Ben** _____ (I'm / It's) nice to meet you.
- Joshua** Hi, Ben. I think _____ (I'm / you're) in my English class, too.
- Ben** Oh, right! Yes, I _____ (am / 'm).