

PRESENT SIMPLE (VERB TO BE)

Explanation: Verb *to be* – Present Simple

The verb **to be** is special. We use it to talk about:

- **Who someone is** → I am a teacher.
- **Where someone is from** → She is from Spain.
- **Feelings or conditions** → They are happy.
- **Descriptions** → It is a sunny day.

1. Affirmative

Formula: Subject + verb *to be* + complement

- I **am** happy.
- She **is** my friend.
- They **are** students.

2. Negative

Formula: Subject + verb *to be* + **not** + complement

- I **am not** tired.
- He **is not** (isn't) my brother.
- We **are not** (aren't) late.

3. Interrogative (Questions)

Formula: Verb *to be* + subject + complement + ?

- **Am** I late?
- **Is** she your sister?
- **Are** they from Mexico?

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1. Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the **verb to be (am / is / are)**.

- a) I ____ a student.
- b) She ____ from Spain.
- c) They ____ very friendly.
- d) We ____ in class right now.
- e) He ____ not my brother.
- f) ____ you ready for the lesson?
- g) It ____ a sunny day today.
- h) You ____ my best friend.
- i) The books ____ on the table.
- j) My name ____ David.

2. Transform the sentences

Rewrite the sentences in the **negative form**.

For example: He is from Colombia → He isn't from Colombia

- a) She is a student. → _____
- b) They are my friends. → _____
- c) I am very happy today. → _____

- d) He is from Brazil. → _____
- e) We are in the classroom. → _____
- f) It is a sunny day. → _____
- g) You are ready for the test. → _____
- h) My brother is a teacher. → _____
- i) They are at the park. → _____
- j) I am your neighbor. → _____

3. Sentence Reordering

Put the words in the correct order to form a sentence.

For example: from is / he / Colombia → He is from Colombia

- a) teacher / my / is / brother / a →

- b) you / where / from / are / ? →

- c) today / very / am / happy / I →

- d) friends / not / are / we →

- e) is / capital / London / England / of →

- f) mother / is / my / a / doctor →

g) are / in / students / class / the →

h) am / hungry / really / I →

i) is / your / what / name →

j) from / are / ? / France / they →

4. Error Correction

Each sentence has a mistake with the verb to be. Rewrite the sentence correctly.

For example: He are from Colombia → He is from Colombia

a) She am my best friend. → _____

b) They is at the park. → _____

c) I are from Colombia. → _____

d) He not is my cousin. → _____

e) She is your teacher? → _____

f) We not are brothers. → _____

g) It are cold today. → _____

h) You is late. → _____

i) Is they from Mexico? → _____

j) My parents is very nice. → _____

Short Answers with *to be*

When someone asks you a **Yes/No question** with the verb *to be*, you usually answer with a **short answer**.

Examples:

- *Are you a student?* → *Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.*
- *Is she your friend?* → *Yes, she is. / No, she isn't.*

REMEMBER: Don't just say "Yes" or "No." Use the verb *to be*!

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5. Closed Questions (Short Answers)

Answer with **Yes, I am / No, I'm not**, etc.

For example: *Are you a teacher?* → *Yes, I am.*

- a) *Are you from Colombia?* → _____
- b) *Is it cold today?* → _____
- c) *Are your friends here?* → _____
- d) *Is your teacher from Colombia?* → _____
- e) *Are we in class?* → _____

Open Answers with *Verb to Be*

When you answer open questions, try to give **complete answers** (not just "yes" or "no"). Use the subject and the verb *to be* in your answer. You can also add more details.

Examples:

- Q: Where are you from?
A: I am from Colombia.
- Q: How old is your brother?
A: My brother is 15 years old.

REMEMBER: We use the subject (**I, my brother**) and the verb *to be* (**am, is**) to make a full answer.

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6. Open Questions with Answer Starters

Answer in complete sentences. Use the first word(s) as your guide.

For example: When is your birthday? → *My birthday is on Jan 10th*

- a) What is your name?
→ *My name* _____
- b) How old are you?
→ *I* _____
- c) Where are you from?
→ *I* _____
- d) What is your favorite color?
→ *My favorite* _____
- e) Who is your best friend?
→ *My best* _____
- f) What is your favorite food?
→ *My* _____

g) Where is Shakira from?

→ *She* _____

h) Where are your classmates now?

→ *They* _____

i) Who is your favorite actor/singer?

→ *My* _____

j) What is your favorite place?

→ *My* _____