

Before you start

Read the magazine article about Kate Winslet. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.



Kate Winslet

Who **is** she?

Kate Winslet is one of Britain's most successful actresses. Her most famous film **is** *Titanic* with Leonardo DiCaprio. She's **got** two children, Mia and Joe. Kate **has** a house in the west of England.

What **is** she doing now?

Kate **usually works** in Europe but she **is living** in the United States at the moment. She's making a film in Hollywood – she **likes** the weather there, and Kate **prefers** films to theatre.

2 Now read the sentences and questions below about Leonardo DiCaprio.

Choose the correct words in *italics*. The **highlighted** grammar examples will help you.

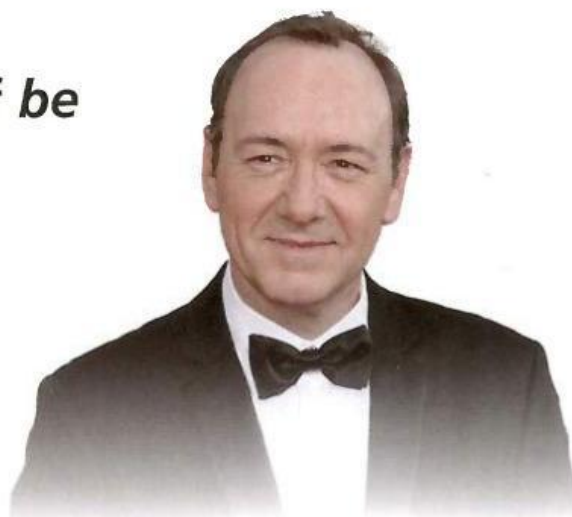
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| 1 Leonardo's other name <i>be</i> / <i>is</i> Leo. | ➤ Unit 35 |
| 2 How old <i>he is</i> / <i>is he</i> ? | ➤ Unit 36 |
| 3 He <i>speak</i> / <i>speaks</i> a little German because his mother is German-American. | ➤ Unit 37 |
| 4 He <i>usually works</i> / <i>works usually</i> in Hollywood. | ➤ Unit 38 |
| 5 Leonardo <i>works</i> / <i>'s working</i> with Kate Winslet again now. | ➤ Unit 39 |
| 6 Where <i>is he living</i> / <i>lives he</i> now? | ➤ Unit 40 |
| 7 He <i>is loving</i> / <i>loves</i> the weather in California. | ➤ Unit 41 |
| 8 He's <i>got</i> / <i>have got</i> one step-brother called Adam. | ➤ Unit 42 |
| 9 He <i>has</i> / <i>have</i> a house in Los Angeles. | ➤ Unit 43 |

3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 is 2 is he 3 speaks 4 usually works 5 's working 6 is he living 7 loves 8 's got 9 has

35 Present simple of *be*

This is Kevin Spacey. He's an actor.
But he isn't British, he's American.
His shows are very popular.



1 Form

POSITIVE			SHORT FORM	
I	am		I'm	
He/She/It	is		He's/She's/It's	
We	are	English.	We're	from Cuba.
You	are		You're	
They	are		They're	

NEGATIVE			SHORT FORM	
I	am not		I'm not	
He/She/It	is not		He/She/It isn't He's/She's/It's not	
We	are not	British.	We aren't/We're not	French.
You	are not		You aren't/You're not	
They	are not		They aren't/They're not	

NATURAL ENGLISH We use short forms (*I'm, I'm not, You're, etc.*) when we are speaking to someone and in informal writing.



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2 Use

We use the verb *be*

- to describe people and things:
*This **is** my brother. We **aren't** teachers, we're students.*
*My car **is** Japanese. My sisters **are** both married.*



~~X I not married.~~ ✓ *I'm not married.*

- to talk about our feelings or ideas:
*We're all tired and hungry. This book **is** boring. His shows **are** very popular.*
- to describe position and time:
My flat's close to the city centre. It's two o'clock.



Use *be* not *have*

~~X I have cold.~~ ✓ *I'm cold.*

~~X I have hungry.~~ ✓ *I'm hungry.*

~~X He has six years old.~~ ✓ *He's six years old.*

there + *be* ► Unit 75 it + *be* ► Unit 76.1

Practice

1 Write sentences with forms of *be*. Use the words below. 2.74 Listen and check.

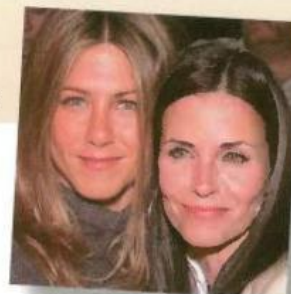
- 0 Angela not a student *Angela isn't a student.*
- 1 My brother married
- 2 Our house near the bus stop
- 3 I very hungry
- 4 We not Canadian
- 5 The bank close to the station
- 6 I not an English teacher
- 7 It time for lunch now
- 8 Those magazines not very interesting

2 Read the information. Write sentences about these famous people. Use short forms where possible. 2.75 Listen and check.

comedian
not American
from Ontario, Canada
not married
1.71 metres tall
very funny



actors
very rich
American
not from New York



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|---|--|
| 0 Mike Myers is a <i>comedian</i> | 6 Jennifer Aniston and Courteney Cox |
| 1 He's | 7 |
| 2 | 8 |
| 3 | but |
| 4 | |
| 5 | |

3 GRAMMAR IN USE There are six more mistakes in the text. Find and correct them.

Michael Mason ^{is} ~~are~~ my best friend. He's Australian and he ~~am~~ an actor. He's a very good actor – but he ~~not~~ very famous. He's twenty-six and he ~~married~~. Michael and his wife ~~not are~~ very rich, but ~~they~~ ^{she} is happy. Michael's very friendly and funny. He ~~a~~ really nice person ~~is~~!

4 Write about your best friend. Write three or four sentences like the examples in Exercise 3.

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36 Questions with be

Who is he?
He's Andrea Bocelli.

Is he British?
No, he isn't.
He's Italian.



1 Form

Yes/No QUESTIONS			SHORT ANSWERS	
Am	I		Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it		Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't. No, he's/she's/it's not.
Are	we	late?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't/we're not.
Are	you		Yes, you are.	No, you aren't/you're not.
Are	they		Yes, they are.	No, they aren't/they're not.

Wh- QUESTIONS

Where	am	I?
Who	are	you?
What	is ('s)	your job?
How old	is ('s)	your brother?

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2 Use

We use *be* to ask about

- names, nationality, jobs and family:
What's your name? Is Sandra Canadian? Are they doctors? Is she married?
- feelings:
Are you hungry? How are you? Is she happy?
- position and time:
Where is it? Is your house near here? What time is it? Am I late?

In questions, we put the verb *be* before the subject of the sentence:

~~x~~ *You are hungry?* ✓ *Are you hungry?*
~~x~~ *What your job is?* ✓ *What's your job?*

3 Short answers

We usually use the short form of the verb in short answers with *no*:
Is he British? No, he isn't.

We don't use the short form of the verb in short answers with *yes*:

~~x~~ *Yes, they're.*
Are those people students? ✓ *Yes, they are.*

We use pronouns, not nouns, in short answers:

~~x~~ *Yes, my house is.*
Is your house near here? ✓ *Yes, it is.*
~~x~~ *Yes, Carrie and Karl are.*
Are Carrie and Karl married? ✓ *Yes, they are.*

Practice

1 Write questions. Use the words below.

- 0 you / English / or / Scottish *Are you English or Scottish?*
 00 where / your / house *Where is your house?*
 1 Maria / a / student
 2 your / brothers / married
 3 where / the / post office
 4 I / early
 5 who / your / teacher
 6 the / station / near / here

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with forms of *be*.

2.76 Listen and check.

- A What a lovely family photo. (0) *Are...* they your children?
 B No, they (1) They (2) my sister's children.
 A The girl (3) pretty. How old (4) she?
 B She (5) four.
 A (6) she at school?
 B No, she (7) She (8) very young!
 A Who (9) the two people at the back?
 B They (10) my parents.



3 Write true short answers.

- 0 Are you American? *No, I'm not.*
 1 Are you a student?
 2 Are you Polish?
 3 Are you married?
 4 Are your parents teachers?
 5 Is your house in a town?
 6 Is Eminem Australian?
 7 Are Mercedes cars German?
 8 Is it winter now?

4 Complete the questions and give true answers. Write complete sentences.

2.77 Listen and check.

- 0 What *is* your surname?
My surname is Lopez.
 1 What nationality you?

 2 How old your brother/sister?

 3 Where your parents at the moment?

 4 What the name of your home town?

 5 Who your favourite singer?
