VERB TO BE – PRESENT TENSE

The verb "to be" is the most important verb to learn in English. In the present tense it has three forms: am, is, are. In the past tense, it has two forms: was and were.

- Personal Pronouns + verb to be (am/is/are)

Affirmative

Pattern	SUBJECT or Personal Pronouns	Verb to Be	Short form	
SINGULAR	I	am	I'm	First Person
	You	are	You're	Second Person
	He	is	He's	Third Person
	She	is	She's	Third Person
	It	is	It's	Third Person
PLURAL	We	are	We're	First Person
	You	are	You're	Second Person
	They	are	They're	Third Person



- **My father** _____ from Argentina.
- **She** _____ from Mexico. _____ Mexican.
- **We** _____ from Colombia.
- **Mary and Paul** _____ from Peru. _____ Peruvian.
- **Peter and I**_____students.
- **The dog** _____ hungry.



- Personal Pronouns + verb to be (am/is/are) + negative form (not)

Negative

Pattern	SUBJECT Personal Pronouns P.P.	Verb To Be + negative form	Short form	
SINGULAR	I	am not	I**'m not**	First Person
	You	are not	You**'re not** or you **aren't**	Second Person
	He	is not	He**'s not** or he **isn't**	Third Person
	She	is not	She**'s not** or she **isn't**	Third Person
	It	is not	It**'s not** or it **isn't**	Third Person
PLURAL	We	are not	We**'re not** or we **aren't**	First Person
	You	are not	You**'re not** or you **aren't**	Second Person
	They	are not	They**'re not** or they **aren't**	Third Person



- My father _____ from Peru.
- Jenny _____ from Nicaragua. She's Mexican.
- Mary and Paul _____ from Colombia.
- You and I _____ from Colombia.
- The dog _____ hungry.



- Aux. verb to be (am/is/are) + P.P. + complement + (?)

Simple Question

Pattern	Aux. Verb to be	SUBJECT Personal Pronouns (P.P.)	?	
SINGULAR	Am	I	?	First Person
	are	You	?	Second Person
	is	he	?	Third Person
	is	she	?	Third Person
	is	it	?	Third Person
PLURAL	are	we	?	First Person
	are	you	?	Second Person
	are	they	?	Third Person

- _____ your father from Peru?
- _____ Mary from Nicaragua?
- _____ they from Colombia?
- _____ the dog hungry?



Questions	
am	I
is	He She It
are	We you They

Positive answer		
Yes,	I	**Am**
	He She It	**Is**
	We you They	**are**

Negative answer		
No,	I'**m**	**not.**
	he'**s** she'**s** it'**s**	
	we'**re** you'**re** they'**re**	