

LESSON 4

READ

Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to the subject pronouns, and *is*, *am*, and *are* in bold. **11**

Dorota and Simon are at the airport.

Dorota: Welcome! My name **is** Dorota. **I am** from Poland, but **I am** a citizen of the U.S.¹ now. My first language **is** Polish. English **is** my second language. This **is** my friend, Simon. **He is** from Mexico.

Simon: Hi. My name **is** Simon. **I am** from Mexico, but **I am** a citizen of the United States now, too. Spanish **is** my first language. My second language **is** English. **We are** both here to help you. **We are** helpful.

Dorota: **You are** new in this country. **You are** immigrants from other countries. Life **is** different here. Many things **are** different for you—the supermarket **is** different, the laundromat **is** different, and the bank and school **are** different, too. Everything **is** new for you. Maybe **you are** confused.

Simon: Dorota and **I are** here to help you in new places. The laundromat and supermarket **are** the first places to go.



DID YOU KNOW?

Some supermarkets and laundromats are open 24 hours a day.

¹ U.S. is an abbreviation for "United States."

LISTEN

Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle *True* or *False*.

*Nghe các câu nói về đoạn văn ở phần **READ**. Nhận định các câu nói này là đúng hay sai.*

1. True

False

2. True

False

3. True

False

4. True

False

5. True

False

6. True

False

7. True

False

8. True

False

1.1 Subject Pronouns Đại từ chủ ngữ



EXERCISE 1 Fill in the blanks with the correct subject pronoun.
Điền vào mỗi chỗ trống 1 Đại từ chủ ngữ thích hợp.

1. We are immigrants.
2. Dorota is from Poland. _____ is a U.S. citizen now.
3. _____ am new to this country.
4. Simon is from Mexico. _____ is from Mexico City.
5. You and I are new here. _____ are from Brazil.
6. The bank is near my house. _____ is big.
7. Simon and Dorota are friends. _____ are helpful.
8. **Halina:** Thank you for your help.
Simon: _____ are welcome.

1.2 Be—Affirmative Statements *Be - Câu khẳng định*

SUBJECT <i>Chủ ngữ</i>	BE	
I	am	a citizen.
Dorota She Simon He	is	from Poland. helpful. from Mexico. in the United States.
The supermarket It	is	different. big.
We You Dorota and Simon They	are	from Japan. new here. American citizens. helpful.

Lưu ý:

Động từ to be được dùng để:

1. mô tả chủ ngữ (helpful, big)
2. cho biết đối tượng đến từ đâu (from Mexico, from Poland)
3. phân loại chủ ngữ (a citizen)
4. biểu thị vị trí (here, in the United States)

EXERCISE 2 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *be*: *am*, *is*, or *are*.

1. The laundromat is different.
2. I am new here.
3. You are a citizen.
4. We are here to help you.
5. Some things are different in the United States.
6. He is confused.
7. Simon and Dorota are helpful.
8. Dorota is from Poland.

EXERCISE 3 Dorota is with Halina, a new immigrant. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of *be*. Then listen and check your answers.  **1.4** *Dorota đang nói chuyện với Halina, một người nhập cư mới. Điền vào chỗ trống với dạng đúng của be. Sau đó, lắng nghe và kiểm tra câu trả lời của bạn.*

Halina: Hi, Dorota. I am Halina.
1.

Dorota: You _____ from Poland, right?
2.

Halina: Yes. I _____ new here.
3.

Dorota: I _____ from Poland, too. I _____ here to help you. Simon _____ here to help you, too. He _____ from Mexico. Many people here _____ from different countries.
4. 5. 6. 7. 8.

Halina: I _____ a little confused. Many things _____ new for me.
9. 10.

Dorota: Yes. Life _____ different here. But Simon and I _____ both here to help you.
11. 12.

ABOUT YOU Check (✓) the items that are true for you.
Đọc rồi chọn ✓ nếu đúng và ✗ nếu sai VỀ CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.

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| 1. ☒ ☒ I am new to the United States. | 6. ☒ ☒ I am an immigrant. |
| 2. ☒ ☒ I am new at this school. | 7. ☒ ☒ Americans are helpful. |
| 3. ☒ ☒ Life is different in a new country. | 8. ☒ ☒ I am from Mexico. |
| 4. ☒ ☒ I am confused about life in the United States. | 9. ☒ ☒ Spanish is my first language. |
| 5. ☒ ☒ I am a citizen of the United States. | 10. ☒ ☒ My family is in the United States. |

ABOUT YOU Fill in the blanks.
Điền vào chỗ trống thông tin VỀ CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.

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| 1. My name is _____. | 6. _____ is different in the |
| 2. I am from _____. | United States. |
| 3. _____ is my first language. | 7. _____ are different in the |
| 4. I am confused about _____. | United States. |
| 5. _____ is my friend. | 8. _____ is helpful. |

BEFORE YOU READ

Circle **Yes** or **No**. *Đọc rồi chọn Yes hoặc NO về CHÍNH BẢN THÂN BẠN.*

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| 1. I use the laundromat. | Yes | No |
| 2. I wash my clothes by hand. | Yes | No |

READ

Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to the contractions with **be** and **this, that, these, and those** in bold. **1.5** *Đọc đoạn hội thoại sau. Đặc biệt chú ý đến các dạng viết tắt của be và this, that, these, và those (in đậm).*

Dorota and a new immigrant, Shafia, are at the laundromat.

Dorota: **This** is the laundromat.

Shafia: The **laundromat's** new for me. I'm a little confused.

Dorota: Don't worry. **We're** together. I'm here to help you.

Shafia: Thanks. My clothes are dirty. I need clean clothes. I'm glad **we're** here.

Dorota: **These** are the washing machines, or washers. The small machines are for small items—clothes, towels, and sheets. **Those** big machines are for big items, like blankets. Coins are necessary for the machines. Over there is the change machine.

Shafia: **Those** machines over there are different.

Dorota: Yes. **They're** dryers. They are for the wet clothes.

Shafia: Okay. Wow! **It's** hot inside the laundromat.

Dorota: You're right. The dryers are very hot.

Shafia: **It's** easy to wash clothes in a laundromat.

Dorota: Yes, it is.

Shafia: **These** two washers are empty. I'm ready to wash my clothes.



DID YOU KNOW?

The average American family washes almost 400 loads of laundry each year.

COMPREHENSION

Based on the reading, write T for *true* or F for *false*.

ĐỌC HIỂU: Dựa vào bài đọc, Chọn True - Đúng hoặc False - Sai

- _____ The laundromat is new for Dorota.
- _____ Shafia's clothes are dirty.
- _____ The dryers are for the wet clothes.

WORDS TO KNOW

1.6 *Từ vựng*

don't worry	Don't worry. I'm here to help you.
together	Dorota is with Shafia. They're together .
clothes	This is my shirt. Those are my pants. These are my clothes .
dirty	Your clothes are dirty . You need to wash them.
clean	My clothes are clean . I don't need to wash mine.
glad	I'm glad we're here. I'm happy.
item	These machines are for small items . Those machines are for bigger things.
necessary	It's necessary to wash clothes. You need to do it.

change machine	When you put a dollar bill in the change machine , it gives you coins. Four quarters is change for one dollar.
right	A: It's hot here. B: Yes, you're right . It is hot.
empty	The dryer is empty . It is available.
ready	A: It's time to go. B: Yes, I'm ready ! We can go.

LISTEN Nghe các câu nói về đoạn hội thoại ở phần **READ**. Nhận định các câu nói này là đúng hay sai.

Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle *True* or *False*.  1.7

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| 1. <u>True</u> | False | 4. True | False |
| 2. True | False | 5. True | False |
| 3. True | False | 6. True | False |

1.3 Contractions (Short Forms) *Dạng viết tắt*

LONG FORM <i>Dạng đầy đủ</i>	CONTRACTION <i>Dạng viết tắt</i>	EXAMPLES <i>Ví dụ</i>
I am	I'm	I'm here to help.
She is	She's	She's from Poland.
He is	He's	He's from Mexico.
It is	It's	It's hot in here.
Life is	Life's	Life's different.
Everything is	Everything's	Everything's new.
Dorota is	Dorota's	Dorota's from Poland.
The laundromat is	The laundromat's	The laundromat's hot.
You are	You're	You're very helpful.
We are	We're	We're together.
They are	They're	They're at the laundromat.

Lưu ý:

- Để thực hiện một phép thu gọn (dạng viết tắt), ta đặt dấu nháy đơn (') thay cho chữ cái còn thiếu.
- Chúng ta có thể thực hiện viết tắt với 1 đại từ chủ ngữ + am, is hoặc are.
- Chúng ta có thể thực hiện viết tắt với 1 chủ ngữ số ít + is.
- Chúng ta KHÔNG THỂ thực hiện viết tắt với một danh từ số nhiều + are.

Ví dụ: The **dryers are** empty. ✓

Not: The **dryers're** empty. ✗

GRAMMAR IN USE *NGỮ PHÁP TRONG SỬ DỤNG*

It is common to contract a noun or name + be in spoken English. *Ta thường nói tắt 1 danh từ hoặc 1 tên riêng + be trong giao tiếp.*

Simon's from Mexico.

We don't usually contract a noun or name + *be* in written English. *Ta thường KHÔNG viết tắt 1 danh từ hoặc 1 tên riêng + be trong văn bản.*

EXERCISE 4 Write the contraction for the words given.

1. _____ new here.
I am
2. _____ from Mexico. _____ a citizen of the United States now.
a. Simon is b. He is
3. _____ from Poland. _____ a citizen, too.
a. Dorota is b. She is
4. _____ both very helpful.
They are
5. _____ big.
The laundromat is
6. _____ hot in the laundromat.
It is
7. _____ new here. _____ new, too.
a. You are b. I am
_____ both new.
c. We are