

Grammar: Simple present of *be* and subject pronouns

5. Complete the chart.

Affirmative		Negative	
I am a photographer. Laura _____ 12 years old. Tryouts are on the football field.		I am not a musician. She is not 13 years old. They _____ in the gym.	
Yes/No questions		Short answers	
Are you a photographer? _____ Laura 12 years old? Are tryouts on the football field?		Yes, I _____. No, I'm not. Yes, she is . No, she isn't . Yes, they _____. No, they aren't .	
Subject pronoun	I you he she	it we they	
Simple present of <i>be</i>		_____ are is _____ is are _____	

▶ Check your answers: Grammar reference, p. 106

6. Complete the sentences with the simple present forms of *be*.

- The ruler is gray.
- Kyle and Leila _____ photographers.
- You _____ in my class.
- I _____ a football player.
- The band _____ new.
- The meetings _____ on Thursdays.

7. Make the sentences in Exercise 6 negative. Use contractions.

- The ruler isn't yellow.
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

8. Write yes/no questions with the simple present forms of *be*.

- you / 12 years old Are you 12 years old?
- you / a teacher _____
- your friends / in a band _____
- your school / big _____

Speaking: It's not true!

9. **YOUR TURN** Write three false sentences about you or people in your school.

- I'm 15 years old
- Mrs. King is an English teacher.
- Tim is in a band.

10. Work with a partner. Share your sentences. Ask and answer questions to correct them.

OK. You aren't 15 years old.
Are you 12 years old?

No, I'm not.

Are you 11?

Yes, I am.

▶ Workbook, pp. 2-3

Get it RIGHT!

Use the singular form of **be** for nouns that represent groups of people.

The band **is** good.

NOT: ~~The band are good.~~

The team **is** all girls.

NOT: ~~The team are all girls.~~



Say it RIGHT!

The voice rises in yes/no questions. Listen and repeat the questions in Exercise 8.

Are you 12 years old?

Ask and answer the questions in Exercise 8 with a partner. Make sure your voice rises when you ask the questions.

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