Grammar: Simple present of *be* and subject pronouns

5. Complete the chart.

Use the simple present of be to identify people and give locations and dates. Subject pronouns can replace the names of the people or things that the sentences are about.

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 *be*	_____	are	is	_____	is	are	_____

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.*~~

Check your answers: Grammar reference, p. 106



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

1. The ruler *is* gray.
2. Kyle and Leila _____ photographers.
3. You _____ in my class.
4. I _____ a football player.
5. The band _____ new.
6. The meetings _____ on Thursdays.

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

1. *The ruler isn't yellow.*
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

1. you / 12 years old *Are you 12 years old?*
2. you / a teacher _____
3. your friends / in a band _____
4. your school / big _____

Say it **RIGHT!**

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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.

Speaking: It's not true!

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

1. *I'm 15 years old*
2. *Mrs. King is an English teacher.*
3. *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.

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