

## Exercise 1

### Using the Verb "To be (am/is/are)"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Write the correct form of the verb "To be" in present tense.



**Example:** I (be) am happy.

- 1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired.
- 2) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hungry.
- 3) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ late!

**Example:**

You / We / They (be) are happy.

- 7) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nice.
- 8) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy.
- 9) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ funny.

**Example:** He/She/It (be) is happy.

- 4) He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cool.
- 5) She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.
- 6) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ fast.

**Now we'll use nouns instead of pronouns...**

- 10) John (be) \_\_\_\_\_ excited.
- 11) Tiffany and Uma (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friends.
- 12) Ricardo, John and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ watching a movie.
- 13) Hadil (be) \_\_\_\_\_ kind.
- 14) Alisa (be) \_\_\_\_\_ young.
- 15) The hammer (be) \_\_\_\_\_ new.
- 16) My mother and father (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cooking dinner.
- 17) Rachel (be) \_\_\_\_\_ driving to school.



- 18) Nikko and Billy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ playing at the park.
- 19) The students (be) \_\_\_\_\_ studying English.
- 20) The test (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hard!
- 21) My best friend (be) \_\_\_\_\_ coming to my house.

## Exercise 2

### Using the Verb "To be (am/is/are)"

Choose the correct form of "to be" in present tense.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Example:** I (be) am excited.

**Example:** Jessica and Akbar (be) are happy.

**Example:** The new car (be) is nice.

1) The bag (be) \_\_\_\_\_ blue.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

2) The rocks (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hard.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

3) The children (be) \_\_\_\_\_ young.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

4) Thomas (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nice.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

5) The game (be) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

6) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

7) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years old.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

8) Susan and Juan (be) \_\_\_\_\_ married.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

9) Teddy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

10) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in English class.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

### Exercise 3

#### Using the Verb "To be"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Write the correct form of the verb "to be" in present tense.

**Note:** The verb can be positive (+) or negative (-). Use not to form the negative.

**Example:** My teacher (be) is nice. (+)

**Example:** The cat (be, not) is not hungry. (-)

1) The old man (be) \_\_\_\_\_ wise.      2) The sun (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hot.

3) The children (be) \_\_\_\_\_ eating bananas. They (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ eating apples.      4) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ happy. I (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ sad.

5) The racecar (be) \_\_\_\_\_ fast. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ slow.      6) My friend (be) \_\_\_\_\_ buying a new car. Her old car broke down. It doesn't work anymore.

7) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach with my family. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hot and sunny outside. The ocean water (be) \_\_\_\_\_ warm.      8) Ko and Jacob (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very smart. Ko (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a scientist and Jacob (be) \_\_\_\_\_ an engineer.

9) The library (be) \_\_\_\_\_ open until 9:00 p.m.      10) The school (be) \_\_\_\_\_ small. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ big.

11) The books (be) \_\_\_\_\_ new. They (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ old.      12) Tommy, Steven, and Teddy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ acting in the school play.

13) Beatrice (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at her house.      14) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hot outside. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ cold outside.

15) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ finished with the quiz!      16) Judith (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ school.

## Exercise 4

### Using the Verb "To be"

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense.

My name (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> John. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> still dark when I wake up. But I don't mind. I like waking up that early. I like the way the country looks in the morning.

The first thing I do after I wake up is milk the cow. After I (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> finished milking the cow, I bring the milk to my mom. I think she uses it to make breakfast. She makes a delicious breakfast. My mom (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> a really good cook.



Next, I feed the pigs. One time, I asked my mom how come my little sister doesn't feed them. She said it is because my sister (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> strong enough. But I still don't understand. She is almost as strong as me! I guess my mom doesn't want my sister to get hurt. After all, the pigs can (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> pretty rough, especially when they (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> hungry.

The last thing I do (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> feed the chickens. That (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(12)</sup> easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(13)</sup> eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(14)</sup> really good to eat. They (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(15)</sup> easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(16)</sup> pretty busy.



## Exercise 5

### Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in *present tense*.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tess and Jen \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> best friends.

They do everything together. They spend every day together.

One day they meet on the bus to school. They start talking.

"Hey Jen," says Tess. "How \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> you?"

"Hey girl," says Jen. "I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> doing fine. What \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> going on? What \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> you doing today?"

"Oh," says Tess, "I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> doing anything special. I don't have any plans."

"That \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> cool."

"Yeah," says Tess. "But I have something to tell you."

"Really! Can I try to guess?"

"Umm..." says Tess. "Well..."

"Okay, I get three guesses. Ready?"

"Umm, well...okay."

"\_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> we eating dinner together?"

"No, that \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> it."

"Okay. Are we going to the soccer game together?"

"No. It \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> that either." Tess looks nervous. Her eyes look sad. A tear starts to fall down her cheek.

"Oh," says Jen, wiping a tear from her own eye. "Now I know. You \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> moving away."



## Exercise 6

### Using the Verb "To be (am/is/are)"

**Example:** You / We / They (be) were sick yesterday.

**Example:** I / He / She / It (be) was sick yesterday.

1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired yesterday.

- D. was
- E. were

2) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ happy yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

3) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sad yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

4) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ busy yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

5) He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ angry yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

6) She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

7) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cold yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

---

Practice writing sentences using the verb "to be" in past tense.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_