

Present simple forms of 'to be': am/is/are

Exercise 1

Choose the correct present simple forms of 'to be' for the gaps below.

1 A: you a teacher? B: Yes, I .

2 A: your name Marcus? B: Yes, it .

3 A: your children here? B: No, they .

4 A: this your suitcase? B: No, it .

5 A: Where we? B: I think this Oxford street.

6 A: it Saturday today? B: No, It Sunday.

7 A: your friends from the UK? B: No, from the US.

8 A: Hello, Maria. How you? B: fine, thanks.

9 A: How old Peter? B: I think 30 years old.

10 A: David and Molly here? B: Yes, next to the door.

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Exercise 2

Rewrite the sentences using the short forms of *be*.

EXAMPLE: *They are good friends* ⇒ *They're* *good friends*.

- 1 She is fantastic ⇒ fantastic.
- 2 We are in Spain ⇒ in Spain.
- 3 You are not my friend ⇒ You my friend.
- 4 Sheila is from Brighton. ⇒ from Brighton.
- 5 The chairs are not expensive. ⇒ The chairs expensive.
- 6 I am not British ⇒ British.
- 7 Clara is a good student. ⇒ a good student.
- 8 You are great. ⇒ great.
- 9 They are my friends. ⇒ my friends.
- 10 He is not angry. ⇒ He angry.

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Exercise 3

Rewrite these sentences using the negative and interrogative forms of 'to be'.

Use contractions when possible.

EXAMPLE: They are friends ⇒ They aren't friends. ⇒ Are they friends?

1 She is a teacher. ⇒ a teacher. ⇒ a teacher?

2 They're in Berlin. ⇒ in Berlin. ⇒ in Berlin?

3 It's a nice day. ⇒ a nice day. ⇒ a nice day?

4 I am very excited. ⇒ very excited. ⇒ very excited?

5 We are students. ⇒ students. ⇒ students?

6 You are right. ⇒ right. ⇒ right?

7 It's 6 o'clock. ⇒ 6 o'clock. ⇒ 6 o'clock?

8 The table is blue. ⇒ blue. ⇒ blue?

9 He is the new manager. ⇒ the new manager. ⇒ the new manager?

10 They are sorry. ⇒ sorry. ⇒ sorry?

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Exercise 4

Fill in the gaps with the correct present simple forms of 'to be'.

SOFIE: Hello. **1** you from here?

DINO: No, we **2** . And you? **3** you from here?

SOFIE: No, I **4** from France. My name **5** SOFIE.

DINO: Nice to meet you. I **6** DINO. And this **7** Francesca.

SOFIE: Where **8** you from?

DINO: We **9** from Italy.

SOFIE: **10** you from Rome?

DINO: No, we **11** . We **12** from the north of Italy. I **13** from Torino, and Francesca **14** from Milano.

SOFIE: **15** you here on holiday?

DINO: No, we **16** . It **17** a study trip. This **18** a beautiful place.

SOFIE: Yes, it **19** . **20** the trip nice?

DINO: Very nice

A/an, plurals: Singular and plural forms

Exercise 1

Choose a/an for the following words.

1 It's animal.

2 I need new bed.

3 It's useful machine.

4 I'm waiter.

5 Do you have umbrella?

6 I'm English teacher.

7 I need hat.

8 Is she student?

9 We have ugly duck.

10 I need hour.

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Exercise 2

Write the plurals of the following singular words.

EXAMPLE: A nice sofa ⇒ nice sofas

- 1 a university ⇒
- 2 a sandwich ⇒
- 3 a street ⇒
- 4 a rich man ⇒ rich
- 5 one foot ⇒ two
- 6 a dirty bag ⇒ dirty
- 7 an expensive watch ⇒ expensive
- 8 a new phone ⇒ new
- 9 a nice photograph ⇒ nice
- 10 One glass of wine ⇒ two of wine

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Exercise 3

Write *a/an* before the singular words and write the plural forms.

EXAMPLE: An olive \Rightarrow olives

1 bus \Rightarrow

2 nice family \Rightarrow nice

3 Italian child \Rightarrow Italian

4 strong tooth \Rightarrow strong

5 nice dress \Rightarrow nice

6 angry wife \Rightarrow angry

7 uniform \Rightarrow

8 amazing website \Rightarrow amazing

9 elephant \Rightarrow

10 empty library \Rightarrow empty