

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.

A/an, plurals: Singular and plural forms

Exercise 2

Write the plurals of the following singular words.

EXAMPLE: A nice sofa ⇒ nice

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

A/an, plurals: Singular and plural forms

Exercise 3

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

EXAMPLE: olive ⇒

1 bus ⇒

2 nice family ⇒ nice

3 Italian child ⇒ Italian

4 strong tooth ⇒ strong

5 nice dress ⇒ nice

6 angry wife ⇒ angry

7 uniform ⇒

8 amazing website ⇒ amazing

9 elephant ⇒

10 empty library ⇒ empty