

Before you start

Read the magazine article about Kate Winslet. Look at the **highlighted** grammar examples.



Kate Winslet

Who is she?

Kate Winslet is one of Britain's most successful actresses. Her most famous film **is** *Titanic* with Leonardo DiCaprio. She's **got** two children, Mia and Joe. Kate **has** a house in the west of England.

What is she doing now?

Kate **usually works** in Europe but she **is living** in the United States at the moment. She's making a film in Hollywood – she **likes** the weather there, and Kate **prefers** films to theatre.

2 Now read the sentences and questions below about Leonardo DiCaprio. Choose the correct words in *italics>. The highlighted grammar examples will help you.*

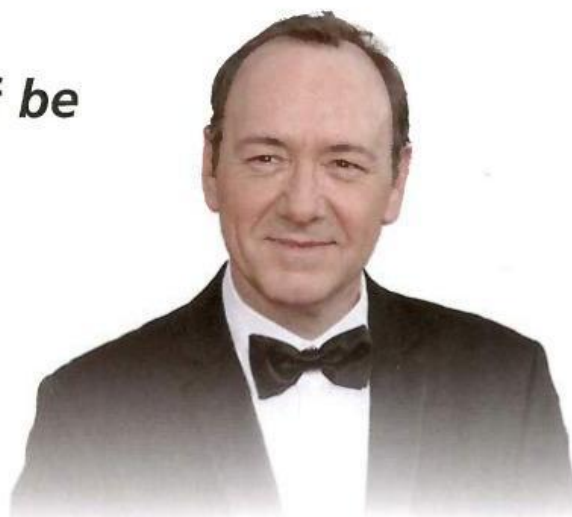
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| 1 Leonardo's other name <i>be</i> / <i>is</i> Leo. | ➤ Unit 35 |
| 2 How old <i>he is</i> / <i>is he</i> ? | ➤ Unit 36 |
| 3 He <i>speak</i> / <i>speaks</i> a little German because his mother is German–American. | ➤ Unit 37 |
| 4 He <i>usually works</i> / <i>works usually</i> in Hollywood. | ➤ Unit 38 |
| 5 Leonardo <i>works</i> / <i>'s working</i> with Kate Winslet again now. | ➤ Unit 39 |
| 6 Where <i>is he living</i> / <i>lives he</i> now? | ➤ Unit 40 |
| 7 He <i>is loving</i> / <i>loves</i> the weather in California. | ➤ Unit 41 |
| 8 He's <i>got</i> / <i>have got</i> one step-brother called Adam. | ➤ Unit 42 |
| 9 He <i>has</i> / <i>have</i> a house in Los Angeles. | ➤ Unit 43 |

3 Check your answers below. Then go to the unit for more information and practice.

1 is 2 is he 3 speaks 4 usually works 5 's working 6 is he living 7 loves 8 's got 9 has

35 Present simple of *be*

This is Kevin Spacey. He's an actor.
But he isn't British, he's American.
His shows are very popular.



1 Form

POSITIVE		SHORT FORM	
I	am	I'm	from Cuba.
He/She/It	is	He's/She's/It's	
We	are	We're	
You	are	You're	
They	are	They're	

NEGATIVE		SHORT FORM	
I	am not	I'm not	French.
He/She/It	is not	He/She/It isn't He's/She's/It's not	
We	are not	We aren't/We're not	
You	are not	You aren't/You're not	
They	are not	They aren't/They're not	

NATURAL ENGLISH We use short forms (*I'm, I'm not, You're, etc.*) when we are speaking to someone and in informal writing.

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2 Use

We use the verb *be*

- to describe people and things:
This is my brother. We aren't teachers, we're students.
My car is Japanese. My sisters are both married.

~~*I not married.*~~ ✓ *I'm not married.*

- to talk about our feelings or ideas:
We're all tired and hungry. This book is boring. His shows are very popular.
- to describe position and time:
My flat's close to the city centre. It's two o'clock.

Use *be* not *have*
~~*X I have cold.*~~ ✓ *I'm cold.*
~~*X I have hungry.*~~ ✓ *I'm hungry.*
~~*X He has six years old.*~~ ✓ *He's six years old.*
there + *be* > Unit 75 it + *be* > Unit 76.1

Practice

1 Write sentences with forms of *be*. Use the words below. **2.74** Listen and check.

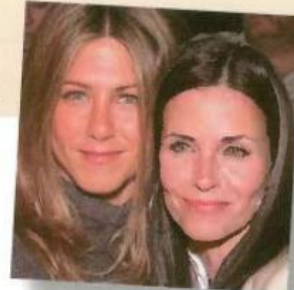
- 0 Angela not a student *Angela isn't a student.*
- 1 My brother married
- 2 Our house near the bus stop
- 3 I very hungry
- 4 We not Canadian
- 5 The bank close to the station
- 6 I not an English teacher
- 7 It time for lunch now
- 8 Those magazines not very interesting

2 Read the information. Write sentences about these famous people. Use short forms where possible. **2.75** Listen and check.

comedian
not American
from Ontario, Canada
not married
1.71 metres tall
very funny



actors
very rich
American
not from New York



- 0 Mike Myers is a *comedian*
- 1 He's
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6 Jennifer Aniston and Courteney Cox
- 7
- 8
- but

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** There are six more mistakes in the text. Find and correct them.

Michael Mason ^{is} ~~are~~ my best friend. He's Australian and he am an actor. He's a very good actor – but he not very famous. He's twenty-six and he married. Michael and his wife not are very rich, but they is happy. Michael's very friendly and funny. He a really nice person is!

4 Write about your best friend. Write three or four sentences like the examples in Exercise 3.

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36 Questions with *be*



Who is he?
He's Andrea Bocelli.

Is he British?
No, he isn't.
He's Italian.

1 Form

Yes/No QUESTIONS		SHORT ANSWERS	
Am	I	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is	he/she/it	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't. No, he's/she's/it's not.
Are	we	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't/we're not.
Are	you	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't/you're not.
Are	they	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't/they're not.

Wh- QUESTIONS

Where	am	I?
Who	are	you?
What	is ('s)	your job?
How old	is ('s)	your brother?

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2 Use

We use *be* to ask about

- names, nationality, jobs and family:
What's your name? Is Sandra Canadian? Are they doctors? Is she married?
- feelings:
Are you hungry? How are you? Is she happy?
- position and time:
Where is it? Is your house near here? What time is it? Am I late?

In questions, we put the verb *be* before the subject of the sentence:
~~X~~ *You are hungry?* ✓ *Are you hungry?*
~~X~~ *What your job is?* ✓ *What's your job?*

3 Short answers

We usually use the short form of the verb in short answers with *no*:
Is he British? No, he isn't.

We don't use the short form of the verb in short answers with *yes*:
Are those people students? ~~X~~ *Yes, they're.*
 ✓ *Yes, they are.*

We use pronouns, not nouns, in short answers:
Is your house near here? ~~X~~ *Yes, my house is.*
 ✓ *Yes, it is.*

Are Carrie and Karl married? ~~X~~ *Yes, Carrie and Karl are.*
 ✓ *Yes, they are.*

Practice

1 Write questions. Use the words below.

- 0 you / English / or / Scottish *Are you English or Scottish?*
- 00 where / your / house *Where is your house?*
- 1 Maria / a / student
- 2 your / brothers / married
- 3 where / the / post office
- 4 I / early
- 5 who / your / teacher
- 6 the / station / near / here

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the conversation with forms of *be*.

2.76 Listen and check.

- A What a lovely family photo. (0) *Are...* they your children?
 B No, they (1) They (2) my sister's children.
 A The girl (3) pretty. How old (4) she?
 B She (5) four.
 A (6) she at school?
 B No, she (7) She (8) very young!
 A Who (9) the two people at the back?
 B They (10) my parents.



3 Write true short answers.

- 0 Are you American? *...No, I'm not.*
- 1 Are you a student?
- 2 Are you Polish?
- 3 Are you married?
- 4 Are your parents teachers?
- 5 Is your house in a town?
- 6 Is Eminem Australian?
- 7 Are Mercedes cars German?
- 8 Is it winter now?

4 Complete the questions and give true answers. Write complete sentences.

2.77 Listen and check.

- 0 What *is* your surname?
My surname is Lopez.
- 1 What nationality you?

- 2 How old your brother/sister?

- 3 Where your parents at the moment?

- 4 What the name of your home town?

- 5 Who your favourite singer?
