

9 GRAMMAR FOCUS

The verb be

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I'm Lena Garza.	Are you Andrea Clark?	I'm = I am
You're in my class.	Yes, I am. (Yes, I'm.)	You're = You are
She's over there. (Andrea is over there.)	No, I'm not.	He's = He is
He's in our class. (Ben is in our class.)		She's = She is
It's Garza. (My last name is Garza.)	How are you?	It's = It is
	I'm fine, thanks.	

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Sentences - FORMULA: *person / object + to be + predicate*
She + **is** + my sister.

Questions - FORMULA: *To be + person / object + predicate*
is + she + your sister?

Answer: **Yes, she is.** / **No, it isn't.**

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**

Practice.

A Complete the conversation with the correct words in parentheses.
Then practice with a partner.

Ben Hello, Christy. How are (are / is) you?

Christy _____ (I'm / It's) fine, thanks. _____ (I'm / It's) sorry – what's your name again?

Ben _____ (Is / It's) Ben – Ben Durant.

Christy That's right! Ben, this _____ (is / it's) Joshua Brown.
_____ (He's / She's) in our history class.

Ben _____ (I'm / It's) nice to meet you.

Joshua Hi, Ben. I think _____ (I'm / you're) in my English class, too.

Ben Oh, right! Yes, I _____ (am / 'm).

Practice.

B Complete the conversations. Then practice in groups.

Cara Excuse me. Are you Alex Lane?

James No, _____ not. My name _____
James Harris. Alex _____ over there.

Cara Oh, sorry.

Cara _____ you Alex Lane?

Alex Yes, I _____.

Cara Hi. _____ Cara Ruiz.

Alex Oh, _____ in my history class, right?

Cara Yes, I _____.

Alex _____ nice to meet you, Cara.

Instructions: Listen to the audio. Then, write ALL the 1) SENTENCES with the verb to **be**.



Example: 1. She's over there.

