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della lingua
inglese

con soluzioni

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Per lo studente

Per l'insegnante

Il presente

- 1 **am/is/are** (forme affermativa e negativa)
- 2 **am/is/are** (forme interrogative)
- 3 **I'm hungry / It's sunny** ecc.
- 4 **I am doing** (present continuous)
- 5 **are you doing?** (present continuous, forme interrogative)
- 6 **I do/work/live** ecc. (present simple, forma affermativa)
- 7 **I don't ...** (present simple, forma negativa)
- 8 **Do you ... ?** (present simple, forme interrogative)
- 9 **I am doing** e **I do** (present continuous e present simple)
- 10 **I have ... / I've got ...**

Il passato

- 11 **was/were**
- 12 **worked/got/went** ecc. (past simple)
- 13 **I didn't ... Did you ... ?** (past simple, forme negativa e interrogativa)
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- 15 **I was doing** e **I did** (past continuous e past simple)
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Present perfect e Past perfect

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- 18 **I've just ... I've already ... I haven't ... yet** (present perfect 2)
- 19 **Have you ever ... ?** (present perfect 3)
- 20 **How long have you ... ?** (present perfect 4)
- 21 **for since ago**
- 22 **I have done** (present perfect) e **I did** (past simple)
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La forma passiva

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- 27 I verbi regolari e irregolari

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- 28 **What are you doing tomorrow?**
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- 30 **will/shall** (1)
- 31 **will/shall** (2)

Modali e imperativi

- 32 **might**
- 33 **can e could**
- 34 **must mustn't needn't**
- 35 **I have to ...**
- 36 **should**
- 37 **Would you like ... ? I'd like ...**
- 38 **Do this! Don't do that! Let's do this!**

There e it

- 39 **there is there are**
- 40 **there was/were there has/have been there will be**
- 41 **It ...**

I verbi ausiliari

- 42 I am I don't ecc.
- 43 Have you? Are you? Don't you? ecc.
- 44 too/either so am I/neither do I ecc.
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Le forme interrogative

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- 50 How long does it take ... ?
- 51 Do you know where ... ? I don't know what ... ecc.

Il discorso indiretto

- 52 She said that ... He told me that ...
- 53 She asked me where ... He asked me if ...

L'infinito e la forma in *ing*

- 54 work/working go/going do/doing
- 55 to ... (I want to do) e -ing (I enjoy doing)
- 56 I want you to ... I told you to ...
- 57 I went to the shop to ...

go, get, do, make e have

- 58 go to ... go on ... go for ... go -ing
- 59 get
- 60 do e make
- 61 have

Pronomi e possessivi

- 62 I/me he/him they/them ecc. (pronomi personali)
- 63 my/his/their ecc. (aggettivi possessivi)
- 64 Whose is this? It's mine/yours/hers ecc. (pronomi possessivi)
- 65 I/me/my/mine
- 66 myself/yourself/themselves ecc. (pronomi riflessivi)
- 67 -'s (Ann's coat / my brother's car ecc.)

Gli articoli e gli nomi

- 68 a/an (1)
- 69 a/an (2)
- 70 flower(s) bus(es) (singolare e plurale)
- 71 a car / some money (countable/uncountable 1)
- 72 a car / some money (countable/uncountable 2)
- 73 the
- 74 go to work go home go to the cinema
- 75 I like music I hate exams
- 76 the (con nomi di luoghi)

Dimostrativi e quantificatori

- 77 this/that/these/those
- 78 one/ones
- 79 some e any
- 80 not + any no none
- 81 not + anybody/anyone/anything nobody/no-one/nothing
- 82 somebody/anything/nowhere ecc.
- 83 every e all
- 84 all most some any no/none
- 85 both either neither
- 86 a lot much many
- 87 (a) little (a) few

Gli aggettivi e gli avverbi

- 88 old/nice/interesting ecc. (aggettivi)
- 89 quickly/badly/suddenly ecc. (avverbi)
- 90 old/older expensive/more expensive
- 91 older than ... more expensive than ...
- 92 not as ... as
- 93 the oldest the most expensive
- 94 enough
- 95 too

La costruzione della frase

- 96 He speaks English very well (costruzione della frase 1)
- 97 always/usually/often ecc. (costruzione della frase 2)
- 98 still yet already
- 99 Give me that book! Give it to me!

Le preposizioni

- 100 at 8 o'clock on Monday in April
- 101 from ... to until since for
- 102 before after during while
- 103 in at on (preposizioni di luogo 1)
- 104 in at on (preposizioni di luogo 2)
- 105 to in at (preposizioni di luogo 3)
- 106 under behind opposite ecc. (preposizioni)
- 107 up over through ecc. (preposizioni)
- 108 on at by with about (preposizioni)
- 109 listen to ... / good at ... ecc. (verbi e aggettivi seguiti da preposizione)

Le locuzioni verbali (*phrasal verbs*)

- 110 go in fall off run away ecc. (phrasal verbs 1)
- 111 put on your shoes put your shoes on (phrasal verbs 2)

Congiunzioni e proposizioni

- 112 and but or so because
- 113 When ...
- 114 If we go ... If you see ... ecc.
- 115 If I knew ... If we went ... ecc.
- 116 If I had known ... If we had gone ... ecc.
- 117 a person who ... a thing that/which ... (frasi relative 1)
- 118 the people we met the hotel you stayed at (frasi relative 2)

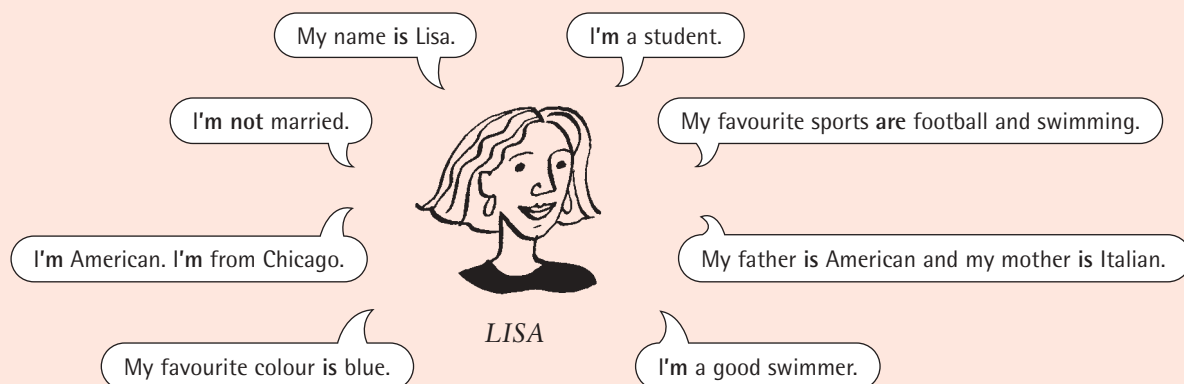
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A



B

Am / is / are sono le forme del presente di be (= 'essere'):

forma affermativa

I	am	(I'm)	sono
he	is	(he's)	è
she		(she's)	
it		(it's)	
we	are	(we're)	siamo
you		(you're)	sei / siete
they		(they're)	sono

forma negativa

I	am not	(I'm not)		non sono
he	is not	(he's not	o he isn't)	non è
she		(she's not	o she isn't)	
it		(it's not	o it isn't)	
we	are not	(we're not	o we aren't)	non siamo
you		(you're not	o you aren't)	non sei / non siete
they		(they're not	o they aren't)	non sono

- ☐ I'm tired this morning. Sono stanco/a ...
- ☐ John is in bed. He's ill. John è ... È ammalato.
- ☐ My car is very old. La mia macchina è ...
- ☐ You're very busy today. Sei molto occupato/a...
- ☐ Bob and I are good friends. ... siamo ...
- ☐ The keys are on the table. Le chiavi sono ...
- ☐ I'm not very tall. Non sono ...
- ☐ Jane isn't at home at the moment. She's at work. Jane non è ... È ...
- ☐ It isn't late, but it's dark. Non è tardi, ma è buio.
- ☐ Those people aren't English. They're Australian. ... non sono ... Sono ...



C

In inglese, a differenza dell'italiano, è indispensabile usare i pronomi personali soggetto (I / he / she / it ecc.):

- ☐ It's late. (non 'Is late') È tardi.
- ☐ Tom is my cousin. He's not my brother. (non 'Is not') ... è ... Non è ...

D

that's = that is

there's = there is

here's = here is



- ☐ Thank you, That's very kind of you. Grazie. È molto carino da parte tua.
- ☐ Look! There's Chris. Guarda! Ecco (là) Chris.
- ☐ 'Here's your key.' 'Thank you.' 'Ecco (qui)/Tenga la Sua chiave.' ...

1.1 Scrivi la forma contratta (she's / we aren't ecc.).

- 1 she is she's 3 it is not 5 I am not
2 they are 4 that is 6 you are not

1.2 Completa con am/is/are.

- 1 The weather is nice today. 5 Look! There Carol.
2 I not tired. 6 My brother and I good tennis players.
3 This bag heavy. 7 Ann at home. Her children at school.
4 These bags heavy. 8 I married. My wife from Trieste.

1.3 Scrivi delle frasi complete usando is/isn't/are/aren't.

- 1 (your shoes very dirty) Your shoes are very dirty.
2 (my brother at school now)
3 (this house not very old)
4 (the shops not open today)
5 (my keys in my bag)
6 (Jenny a good student)
7 (you not very tall)

1.4 Scrivi delle frasi simili a quelle di Lisa (→ Unità 1A). Parla di te.

- 1 (name?) My 4 (favourite colours?) My
2 (from?) I 5 (favourite sport?) My
3 (married?) I 6 (good swimmer?) I

1.5 Scrivi una frase per ogni vignetta. Usa: angry ~~happy~~ noisy strong tall tired

noisy = chiassoso



- 1 She's happy.
2 He
3 They
4
5
6

1.6 Scrivi delle frasi vere, affermative o negative. Usa 'm/'m not/is/isn't/are/aren't.

country = nazione
diamond = diamante

- 1 (I / at home at the moment) I'm at home (o I'm not at home) at the moment.
2 (I / tired) I
3 (it / very late) It
4 (my hands / cold)
5 (Canada / a very big country)
6 (diamonds / cheap)
7 (I / a good dancer)
8 (Brussels / in France)

1.7 Traduci in inglese.

magro = thin / slim
comodo = comfortable
bicchiere = glass

- 1 È tardi e sono stanco.
2 Il caffè è freddo.
3 Mia madre è inglese.
4 Tu sei magro, ma non sei alto.
5 Tenga la Sua borsa, Signora Cooper.
6 Guarda! Ecco (là) tuo fratello.
7 I miei genitori non sono italiani.
8 Helen non è qui. È al lavoro.
9 Non siamo spagnoli. Siamo portoghesi.
10 La mia casa è vecchia, ma è grande e comoda.
11 Questo bicchiere non è pulito. È molto sporco.
12 Mia sorella non è molto contenta oggi. È triste.