

UNIT

1

Statements with
Present of *Be*

Tell Me about Yourself

1 Grammar in the Real World

ACADEMIC
WRITING

Thinking about
speaking and
writing

- A** How do you introduce yourself to your instructors? What information do you give? Read the conversation between an adviser and a student. What are two interesting facts about Tomasz?
- B Comprehension Check** Circle the correct words.
- 1 Ms. Kim is a student/an adviser.
 - 2 Tomasz is from Poland/the United States.
 - 3 Tomasz is a salesclerk in his uncle's store/restaurant.
- C Notice** Complete the sentences. Use the conversation to help you.
- 1 I _____ Tomasz. Sorry I _____ late.
 - 2 My major _____ computer science.
 - 3 My brother and I _____ salesclerks. We _____ really interested in his business.



FIRST MEETING WITH AN ADVISER

- Tomasz

Hello, Ms. Kim. I'm Tomasz. Sorry I'm late for our meeting.
- Ms. Kim

That's OK. Nice to meet you, Tomasz. Please have a seat.
- Tomasz

Thanks.
- Ms. Kim

First, I'm glad that you're here. As your adviser, I'm here to help you. I can help you choose your classes, and I can help you with any problems.
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Tomasz

Thanks, I need your help. I have a lot of questions about courses, instructors, and my program.
- Ms. Kim

Good! But first I'd like to know more about you. Tell me about yourself.
- Tomasz

Sure. I'm 19, and I'm a graduate of Central High School. I'm from Poland originally.
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Ms. Kim

I see. What are some of your interests?
- Tomasz

Well, I'm interested in cars and music. And I really like computers. My major is computer science.
- Ms. Kim

Great. You know, the college has a lot of clubs. It's a good way to meet people and practice English.
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Tomasz

Well, I'm pretty busy most of the time. My brother and I are salesclerks in my uncle's store. We're really interested in his business. I don't have much free time.
- Ms. Kim

OK. I understand. Now, let's talk about your academic plans . . .

2 Present of Be: Affirmative Statements

Grammar Presentation

Be links ideas.

I **'m** a student.

2.1 Full Forms (with Subject Pronouns)

SINGULAR			PLURAL		
Subject	Be		Subject	Be	
I	am	late.	We	are	from Seoul.
You	are		You		
He She It	is	difficult.	They		

» Capitalization and Punctuation Rules: See page A1.

2.2 Contractions (with Nouns and Subject Pronouns)

SINGULAR	PLURAL
I am → I'm	We are → We're
You are → You're	You are → You're
He is → He's	They are → They're
Tomasz is → Tomasz's	
She is → She's	
His mother is → His mother's	
It is → It's	
My name is → My name's	

2.3 Using Present of Be

A The verb <i>be</i> “links” ideas. You can use <i>be</i> to link nouns or pronouns with words that give information about them.	<u>Tomasz is a student.</u> <u>They are from California.</u>
B Use the full forms of <i>be</i> in academic writing.	<i>I am a computer science major.</i> <i>I am in your grammar class.</i>

2.3 Using Present of Be (continued)	
C Use contractions of <i>be</i> in conversation and informal writing.	<i>I'm</i> Ms. Kim. <i>They're</i> sick today.
D You can use <i>be</i> + noun <ul style="list-style-type: none">to talk about occupations.to identify things.	He's a teacher . They're students . It's an English class . My hobbies are baseball and music . My major is math .
E You can use <i>be</i> + number to talk about ages.	My sister is 18 . His parents are 49 years old.
F You can use <i>be</i> + adjective <ul style="list-style-type: none">to talk about nationalities.to describe people and things.	I'm Canadian . His parents are South Korean . Jun-Ho is tall . My sister is sick . Our reading class is interesting .
G You can use <i>be</i> + preposition <ul style="list-style-type: none">to talk about hometowns and places.to talk about where people and things are.to talk about the groups, such as teams or clubs, that people are in.	My parents are from Seoul . I'm from California . She is at home . We are in Los Angeles . My friends and I are in a band . He is on the basketball team .



Grammar Application

Exercise 2.1 Present of Be: Full Forms






A Complete the sentences about a student, using *am*, *is*, and *are*.

- 1 My name is Ling. I am a student at the University of Florida.
- 2 My friend Ana and I _____ in Science 101.
- 3 Mr. Johnson _____ a good instructor.
- 4 The class _____ interesting.
- 5 My classmates _____ crazy about science.
- 6 Ana _____ smart.
- 7 Ana and I _____ seniors this year.


B Look at the underlined word(s). Circle the subject pronoun that replaces the underlined words.

- 1 My college is in Detroit, Michigan. It / She is a good school.
- 2 Jorge and Lisa are in Grammar 110. They / We are in a fun class.
- 3 Mrs. Chapple is a great teacher. It / She is also very nice.
- 4 Marcos is crazy about grammar. He / They is never late for class.
- 5 My brother is smart. He / It is an excellent student.
- 6 My mother is a nurse. She / It is always very busy.
- 7 My sister and I are sick. She / We are at home today.

C Complete the student's online profile. Use the full forms of *be* (*am, is, are*).



My name is Cindy Wang. I _____ from Jackson, Illinois. My parents _____ from China originally. I _____ 20 years old. I _____ now a student at the University of Texas. My major _____ public health. My favorite subjects _____ math and biology. I _____ interested in sports and drawing. My friend Bev and I _____ servers in a restaurant on weekends. My sister _____ still a high school student in Illinois.



D Over to You Complete the sentences with the correct full form of *be* and the information about you. Then read your sentences to your partner. How many of your sentences are the same?

- 1 My name _____ (be) _____ (name) .
- 2 I _____ (be) from _____ (country) .
- 3 I _____ (be) _____ (age) .
- 4 My major _____ (be) _____ (subject) .
- 5 My favorite class _____ (be) _____ (name of class) .
- 6 I _____ (be) interested in _____ (name of things) .
- 7 I _____ (Tell one more thing about yourself. Remember to use *be*.) .

Statements with Present of Be

Exercise 2.2 Present of Be: Contractions

A Complete the sentences with 'm, 's, or 're.

- Ana

Hi, I 'm Ana.
(1)
- Ron

Hi, Ana. My name _____ Ron. Nice to meet you.
(2)
- Ana

It _____ nice to meet you, too.
(3)
- Ron

I _____ in Ms. Cook's class.
(4)
- Ana

She _____ my teacher, too.
(5)
You _____ in my class.
(6)
- Ron

Great. I think we _____ in Room 9.
(7)
- 2 Sara

Excuse me. I'm lost. My teacher _____ Mr. Martinez.
(8)
- Ron

Mr. Martinez? He _____ in Room 10.
(9)
- Ana

Room 10 _____ over there. On the right.
(10)
- Sara

Oh, thanks.
- Ana

You _____ welcome.
(11)
- 3 Ana

Ron, this is my friend Cathy. We _____ friends
from high school.
(12)
- Ron

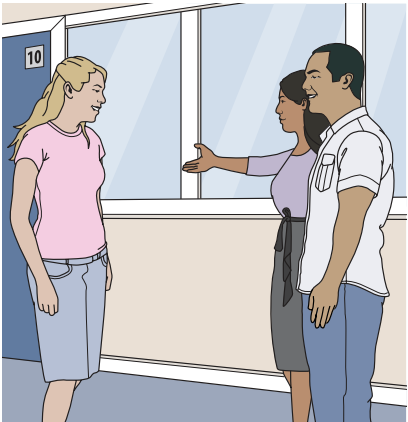
Hi, Cathy.
- Cathy

Hi, Ron!
- Ana

Cathy _____ on the basketball team.
(13)
She _____ a great player.
(14)
- Ron

Really? I _____ a big basketball fan.
(15)
- Ana

Well, come to our next game. It _____ on Friday.
(16)



B Pair Work Introduce yourself to your partner. Use contractions. Then introduce your partner to a classmate.

Hi, I'm Alex. This is Hong-yin. He's from Texas. He's on the soccer team.

3 Present of Be: Negative Statements

Grammar Presentation

3.1 Full Forms

SINGULAR			PLURAL		
Subject	Be + Not		Subject	Be + Not	
I	am not	in class.	We You They	are not	students.
You	are not				
He She It	is not				

3.2 Negative Contractions

SINGULAR	PLURAL
I am not → I'm not You are not → You're not / You aren't He is not → He's not / He isn't She is not → She's not / She isn't It is not → It's not / It isn't	We are not → We're not / We aren't You are not → You're not / You aren't They are not → They're not / They aren't



DATA FROM THE REAL WORLD

In conversation, people usually use 's not and 're not after pronouns.	He's not 21. She's not in class. They're not here.
They usually use isn't and aren't after names and nouns.	Carlos isn't 21. Louise isn't in class. The boys aren't here.



Grammar Application

Exercise 3.1 Present of Be: Negative Statements with Full Forms

A Complete the sentences. Use *am not*, *is not*, or *are not*.

- 1 My roommate and I are not math majors.
- 2 My friends _____ in my business class.

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- 3 My cousin _____ married.
- 4 You _____ late.
- 5 My friend _____ in the library.
- 6 I _____ interested in chemistry.
- 7 Our instructor _____ from the United States.
- 8 The students _____ interested in history.

B Over to You Write six negative sentences about yourself. Use the full form of be.

- 1 I am not a teacher.
- 2 I _____ from _____.
- 3 I _____ interested in _____.
- 4 I _____ a/an _____ major.
- 5 I _____ a/an _____.
- 6 I _____ in _____.

C Pair Work Read your sentences to a partner. Are any of your sentences the same?

Exercise 3.2 Affirmative or Negative?

A Read the online profiles. Complete the sentences with the correct affirmative or negative form of be. Use contractions when possible.

ONLINE
PROFILES



	Yoko Akeda	Luiz da Costa
Age	21	35
Hometown	Los Angeles, California	New York, New York
Occupation or job; location	student at Glen College	instructor at Glen College
Interested in ...	music, art museums	music, biking
Not interested in ...	cooking, computer games	movies, cooking

- 1 Yoko is 21. She 's not 35.
- 2 Yoko and Luiz _____ the same age.
- 3 Luiz _____ an instructor.
He _____ a student.
- 4 Yoko _____ from New York. She
_____ from Los Angeles.
- 5 Luiz _____ from New York. He _____
from Los Angeles.
- 6 They _____ interested in music.
They _____ interested in cooking.
- 7 Luiz _____ interested in movies.



B Listen. Where are these people? Complete the sentences with the correct pronouns and forms of *be*. Use contractions when possible.



at home



at work



in class



at the movies



at the doctor's office



at the stadium

- 1 Carlos is sick. He's at the doctor's office. He's not at work.
2 Ana and her boss _____ in class. _____ in the office.
3 Juan and his children _____ at the doctor's office. _____ at home.
4 Karen is with her classmates and her teacher. _____ in class.
_____ at the stadium.
5 David is a big baseball fan. _____ at the stadium. _____ at home.
6 Ling and John are interested in movies. _____ at Drew's apartment.
_____ at the movies.

C Pair Work Tell a partner about four people you know. Where are they today?
My brother is at work. He's a salesclerk in a store . . .

Exercise 3.3 Negative of Be

Complete the conversations. Use *'s not* and *'re not* after pronouns and *isn't* and *aren't* after names and nouns.

- 1 **Sara** Hello. Accounting Department.
Ben Louise?
Sara No, it's Sara. Louise isn't ⁽¹⁾ here.
She isn't ⁽²⁾ at work today.



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- 2 Sam Oh, no! My wallet _____ in my bag! It's on
the bus! (3)
- Man No, it _____ on the bus. Look, here it is. (4)
- 3 Lara Where are your brothers? The game's on TV, and
they _____ here. (5)
- Joe They _____ interested in baseball. They _____
interested in sports. (6) (7)



4 Avoid Common Mistakes !



- 1 Use **be** to link ideas.
He ^{is} an engineering student.
- 2 Use **be + not** to form negative statements with **be**. Do not use **be + no**.
Ana is ^{not} a science teacher.
- 3 A statement has a subject. Do not begin a statement with **be**.
^{She is} my sister's best friend.

Editing Task

Correct nine more mistakes. Rewrite the sentences.

- 1 This my friend. *This is my friend.* _____
- 2 Her name Amy. _____
- 3 Amy and I roommates. _____
- 4 She 27. _____
- 5 She is no a student. _____
- 6 Is a science teacher. _____
- 7 Is very nice and very smart. _____
- 8 Amy is no in school today. _____
- 9 She sick. _____
- 10 Is at home. _____