

The Verb "To Be": Affirmative Forms

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 1: People, Jobs, and Where We Are From

Language Focus

We use the verb to be to talk about names, jobs, feelings, ages, and where people are from.

I	am	<i>I am a student.</i>
he / she / it	is	<i>He is from London. She is a teacher. It is a great party.</i>
you / we / they	are	<i>You are here. We are friends. They are from Canada.</i>

Remember: the verb to be doesn't change like other verbs. It only has three forms in the present – am, is, and are – and each subject always uses the same one.

Listening: Meet the Group

Context: introducing people at a party

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

Hello! I am Anna. I am a student.

My friend Tom is here too. He is a teacher.

Tom is from London.

Anna and Tom are good friends.

We are at a party.

Sara is at the party too. She is from Italy.

Sara and I are neighbours.

Look, there are two more people. They are Mia and Ben.

Mia is Ben's sister. Ben and Mia are from Canada.

It is a great party!

1. True or False

Context: Meet the group (from the listening)

1. Anna is a teacher. True / False
2. Tom is from London. True / False
3. Sara is from Italy. True / False
4. Mia and Ben are from Australia. True / False
5. Anna and Tom are good friends. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: a family photo

1. My mother ___ a doctor.
is / are
2. My parents ___ very kind.
is / are
3. I ___ the youngest in my family.
am / is
4. My brother and I ___ twins.
is / are
5. This ___ my grandmother.
am / is
6. You ___ in the photo too!
is / are

3. Matching

Context: people and where they are from

Draw a line to match each person to the correct sentence ending.

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| 1. Marco | <i>are from Canada.</i> |
| 2. Yuki and Kenji | <i>is from Spain.</i> |
| 3. I | <i>is from Italy.</i> |
| 4. You | <i>am from Ireland.</i> |
| 5. Elena | <i>are from Japan.</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: an email to a new pen friend

Complete the email with am, is, or are.

Dear Leo,

My name _____ Kate. I _____ fifteen years old. I _____ from Dublin. My best friend, Rosa, _____ in my class. She _____ very funny. My parents _____ both doctors. Write soon!
Kate

5. Pronoun Sort

Sort these subjects into the correct group: I, He, She, It, Marco, My sister, You, We, They, My friends, Tom and I

am:

is:

are:

6. Word Order

Context: introducing yourself

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. is / My / Sophie. / name
2. am / from / I / Portugal.
3. are / the / We / in / same / class.
4. is / teacher / My / very / nice.
5. are / my / They / best / friends.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: a classroom scene

Is the form of "be" right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct form.

1. The students is quiet. Right / Wrong: _____
2. The teacher is at her desk. Right / Wrong: _____
3. I are ready for the test. Right / Wrong: _____
4. The books are on the table. Right / Wrong: _____
5. This is my classroom. Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 1

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. Anna is a teacher. | False |
| 2. Tom is from London. | True |
| 3. Sara is from Italy. | True |
| 4. Mia and Ben are from Australia. | False |
| 5. Anna and Tom are good friends. | True |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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| 1. My mother ___ a doctor. | is |
| 2. My parents ___ very kind. | are |
| 3. I ___ the youngest in my family. | am |
| 4. My brother and I ___ twins. | are |
| 5. This ___ my grandmother. | is |
| 6. You ___ in the photo too! | are |

3. Matching - Answers

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| 1. Marco | is from Italy. |
| 2. Yuki and Kenji | are from Japan. |
| 3. I | am from Ireland. |
| 4. You | are from Canada. |
| 5. Elena | is from Spain. |

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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| 1. Blank 1 | is |
| 2. Blank 2 | am |
| 3. Blank 3 | am |
| 4. Blank 4 | is |
| 5. Blank 5 | is |
| 6. Blank 6 | are |

5. Pronoun Sort - Answers

am:

I

is:

He, She, It, Marco, My sister

are:

You, We, They, My friends, Tom and I

6. Word Order - Answers

1. My name is Sophie.
2. I am from Portugal.
3. We are in the same class.
4. My teacher is very nice.
5. They are my best friends.

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The students is quiet. | Wrong - are |
| 2. The teacher is at her desk. | Right |
| 3. I are ready for the test. | Wrong - am |
| 4. The books are on the table. | Right |
| 5. This is my classroom. | Right |