

The Verb "To Be": Affirmative Forms (Practice 2)

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 2: More Practice with am, is, and are

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: My Family

Context: describing your family

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

Let me tell you about my family. I am the oldest child.

My brother is ten years old. He is very funny.

My sister is seven. She is at school every day.

My mother is a nurse. She is kind to everyone.

My father is an engineer. He is busy at work.

My grandparents are in the countryside. They are happy there.

Our dog is small and brown. It is friendly with everyone.

We are a big, happy family.

1. True or False

Context: My Family (from the listening)

1. The speaker's brother is ten years old. True / False
2. The sister is at school every day. True / False
3. The mother is a doctor. True / False
4. The grandparents are in the city. True / False
5. The dog is small and brown. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: a day at the beach

1. The sea ___ very warm today.
is / are
2. The children ___ happy on the sand.
is / are
3. I ___ ready for a swim.
am / is
4. My cousin and I ___ good swimmers.
is / are
5. This beach ___ my favourite place.
am / is
6. You ___ welcome to join us.
is / are

3. Matching

Context: animals at the zoo

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

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| 1. A lion | <i>are black and white.</i> |
| 2. Monkeys | <i>am excited to see the pandas.</i> |
| 3. An elephant | <i>is a strong animal.</i> |
| 4. I | <i>is the biggest animal here.</i> |
| 5. Zebras | <i>are very playful.</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: a note about weekend plans

Complete the note with am, is, or are.

Hi Sam,

This weekend _____ going to be fun. I _____ free on Saturday. My friends _____ coming to my house. My cousin Ana _____ visiting too. She _____ great at board games. We _____ all looking forward to it. See you soon!

Max

5. Pronoun Sort

Sort these subjects into the correct group: I, He, She, It, The teacher, My cousin, You, We, They, My parents, The students

am:

is:

are:

6. Word Order

Context: at the shop

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

1. is / This / big. / shop / very
2. are / shoes / The / on / sale.
3. am / happy / I / with / my / purchase.
4. assistants / shop / The / are / helpful.
5. ready / are / We / to / pay.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: a sports team

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

1. The players is on the field. Right / Wrong: _____
2. The coach is very experienced. Right / Wrong: _____
3. I are the team captain. Right / Wrong: _____
4. The fans are excited today. Right / Wrong: _____
5. This match is important. Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 2

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. The speaker's brother is ten years old. | True |
| 2. The sister is at school every day. | True |
| 3. The mother is a doctor. | False |
| 4. The grandparents are in the city. | False |
| 5. The dog is small and brown. | True |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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3. Matching - Answers

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4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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

5. Pronoun Sort - Answers

am:

I

is:

He, She, It, The teacher, My cousin

are:

You, We, They, My parents, The students

6. Word Order - Answers

1. This shop is very big.
2. The shoes are on sale.
3. I am happy with my purchase.
4. The shop assistants are helpful.
5. We are ready to pay.

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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| 1. The players is on the field. | Wrong - are |
| 2. The coach is very experienced. | Right |
| 3. I are the team captain. | Wrong - am |
| 4. The fans are excited today. | Right |
| 5. This match is important. | Right |