

STUDENT TUTOR ENGLISH PROGRAM

Tutorat par les pairs en anglais langue seconde



Verb "Be" - Present

Tutor Annotated Lesson



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STEP 1: Assessment

TIP

- Do you know how to conjugate the verb "be" in the simple present tense?

Useful Expressions

- How do you say _____ in English?
- Could you repeat, please?
- I don't understand.

STEP 2: Theory

FORM: Conjugate the verb "be" in the simple present tense in the chart below.

AFFIRMATIVE		NEGATIVE		YES/NO QUESTION		SHORT ANSWER	
I	<i>am</i>	I	<i>'m not</i>				
You	<i>are</i>	You	<i>aren't</i>	<i>Are</i>	you stressed ?	No,	<i>I'm not</i>
He/She/It	<i>is</i>	He/She/It	<i>isn't</i>	<i>Is</i>	he stressed ?	No,	<i>he isn't</i>
We	<i>are</i>	We	<i>aren't</i>				
They	<i>are</i>	They	<i>aren't</i>	<i>Are</i>	they stressed ?	Yes,	<i>they are</i>

STEP 3: Controlled and Communicative Exercise.

EXERCISE 1: Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb "be" in the simple present tense. Then, ask each other the personal questions.

1. Peter (be) *is* 5'2" (five foot two) . He (be, not) *isn't* very tall.
 - How tall are you?
2. I (be, not) *'m not* old. I (be) *am* only 21!
 - How old are you?

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EXERCISE 2: Fill in the blanks with a short answer. Then, ask each other the questions orally.

1. Are they friendly? Yes, **they are**

- Are you friendly?

2. Is he shy? No, **he isn't**

- Are you shy?

EXERCISE 3: Write yes/no questions in the space provided to go with the answers in bold. Then, respond to your tutor's prompts to form questions.

1. **Are you single** ?

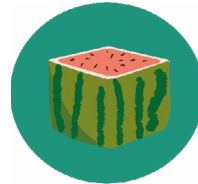
No, I'm not single.

- Ask me if I'm single.

2. **Is your best friend married** ?

Yes, my best friend is married.

- Ask me if my best friend is married.



EXERCISE 4: Read and answer the following questions.

1. Which adjectives in the pictures on the next page describe you and which ones don't?

Example: *I'm athletic, but I'm not outgoing.*



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<p>athletic</p> 	<p>outgoing</p> 	<p>kind</p> 
<p>anxious</p> 	<p>lazy</p> 	<p>cheerful</p> 
<p>messy</p> 	<p>open-minded</p> 	<p>artistic</p> 

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EXERCISE 5: Find out what adjectives describe your tutor by asking yes/no questions.

Example: *Are you athletic?*

EXERCISE 6: Write questions to go with the answers in **bold**. Then, respond to your tutor's prompts. If necessary, click on "TIP" for **Verb Be Information Questions** chart.

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1. *What is her last name* ?

Her last name is **Wright**.

- Ask me what my last name is.

2. *What is her address* ?

Her address is **1990 Jeffaline Street**.

- Ask me what my address is.

3. *How old is she* ?

She is **23**.

- Ask me how old I am.

3. *What is she like* ?

She is **bossy**.

- Ask me what I am like.

Useful Expression

- How do you spell _____ ?

Pronunciation

nineteen ninety

Vocabulary Review

- What new words have you learned so far today?

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EXERCISE 7: Fill in the blanks with "there is" or "there are."

Example: *There is one dog. There are two dogs.*

1. *There are* many hard-working students at the college.

- Are you hard-working?

2. *There is* only one talkative student in the class. Everyone else is very quiet.

- Are you talkative or quiet in class?

Note

Il y a = There is / There are
There is + singular noun / There are + plural noun

EXERCISE 8: Make questions to go with the answers in **bold**.

1. *Is there a bilingual student in your English class* ?

No, there isn't a bilingual student in my English class.

- Are there any bilingual students in your English class?

2. *How many nice teachers are there at your school* ?

There are **three** nice teachers at my school.

- Are your teachers nice?

STEP 4: Production Task

EXERCISE 9: Play *Hangman* using adjectives. In this game, the first player thinks of a word that describes someone they know and the second player must try to find the word before a complete body is drawn.

- Draw a gallows.

- Think of an adjective that describes someone you know.

- Draw a line for each letter in the adjective.

- Then, your partner guesses a letter.

- Fill in the blanks if your partner guesses the correct letter.

- Draw a body part of the "hangman" if your partner guesses an incorrect letter.

- Explain who the adjective describes when it is found.

- Change roles.



happy (my sister)

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A: Is there a "p"?

B: Yes, there are two "p's."

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If the answer is "no."



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My sister. She is happy most of the time.

STEP 5: Final Review

- What new words did you learn today?
- Read aloud the following letters, numbers and addresses.

Letters: E I G J Y

Numbers: 8 18 80 1,888

Addresses 1888 Cromwell 3995 St Joseph

- What do you know now about the verb "be" that you didn't before?

Important

- Write down the words you learned today and study them.

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Simple Present Tense - Verb <i>Be</i>				
Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question		Short Answer
I am	I am not	Am I		Yes, you are
You are	You are not	Are you		No, I am not
She is	She is not	Is she		No, she is not
We are	We are not	Are we	_____?	Yes, we are
They are	They are not	Are they		No, they are not

Useful Expressions

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SHORT ANSWER

Simple Present Tense - Verb <i>Be</i> Contractions				
Affirmative	Negative	Yes/No Question		Short Answer
I'm	I'm not	Am I		Yes, you are
You're	You aren't	Are you		No, I'm not
She's	She's not	Is she		No, she isn't
We're	We aren't	Are we	_____?	Yes, we are
They're	They aren't	Are they		No, they aren't

No, *I'm not*
 No, *he isn't*
 Yes, *they are*

Use.

ask each other the personal questions.

Note

- Never contract "be" in an affirmative short answer ~~Yes, you're~~ = Yes, you are

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EXERCISE 5: Find out what adjectives describe your tutor by asking yes/no questions.


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 Verb Be Information Questions					
Question Word	Translation	be	Subject	Rest of Question	Answer
Who	(qui)	is	he?		He is my father .
What	(qu'est-ce que) (quoi)	is	your name?		My name is George.
Where	(où)	are	you?		I am at home .
When	(quand)	is	the party?		It is tomorrow.
Why	(pourquoi)	isn't	Paul	here?	He isn't here because he is sick.
How	(comment)	is	he?		He is fine .
Which	(quell)	is	it?		It is this one .
How old	(quel âge)	are	you?		I am 17 .
How much	(combien)	is	it?		It is \$240.00
How many dogs	(combien de)	are	there?		There are two dogs.
How long	(quelle est la durée de) (combien de temps) (quelle est la longueur de)	is	the movie?		It is two hours .
How far	(à quelle distance)	is	Montreal	from Ottawa?	It is 200 kilometers.
How often	(à quelle fréquence)	is	he	in class?	He is always in class.
Whose cat	(à qui)	is	it?		It is Mary's cat.

• **What new words have you learned so far today?**