

Verb to be (am, is, are) – Test 1



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Choose the correct answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Affirmative forms

Choose the correct form of the verb to be to complete each sentence.

1. I _____ a student.

A am	B is	C are	D be
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2. My sister _____ twelve years old.

A are	B am	C is	D be
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3. Tom and Ana _____ in the kitchen.

A is	B are	C am	D be
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4. The weather _____ cold today.

A are	B am	C be	D is
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5. We _____ from Brazil.

A are	B is	C am	D be
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6. Choose the correct sentence.

A She are my friend.	B She is my friend.	C She am my friend.	D She be my friend.
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7. "I'm hungry." In this sentence, 'm is the short form of _____.

A is	B are	C am	D have
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8. My books _____ on the table.

A is	B am	C are	D be
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9. "They are happy." Choose the correct short form.

A They's happy.	B Their happy.	C They're happy.	D They'm happy.
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10. You _____ very kind, Maria.

A is	B are	C am	D be
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Part 2: Negative forms

Choose the correct negative form or the correct sentence.

11. I _____ tired. I feel great!

A isn't	B aren't	C am not	D not am
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12. He _____ at home now. He's at work.

A aren't	B isn't	C not	D amn't
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13. My parents _____ teachers. They're nurses.

A isn't	B not are	C am not	D aren't
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14. "It is expensive." Choose the correct negative sentence.
A It not is expensive. **B** It no is expensive.
C It isn't expensive. **D** It aren't expensive.
15. We _____ late. We're early!
A isn't **B** am not **C** aren't **D** not
16. Find the mistake: "Sara and I isn't in the same class."
A Sara **B** and **C** isn't **D** class
17. The shop _____ open on Sundays. It's closed.
A isn't **B** aren't **C** am not **D** not
18. Choose the correct sentence.
A I amn't ready. **B** I not ready. **C** I isn't ready. **D** I'm not ready.
19. The cat _____ black. It's white.
A aren't **B** isn't **C** am not **D** not is
20. The children _____ at school today. They're on holiday.
A isn't **B** not **C** aren't **D** am not

Part 3: Questions and short answers

Choose the correct question, answer or word.

21. _____ you a student? — Yes, I am.
A Is **B** Am **C** Are **D** Be
22. _____ your brother at home?
A Are **B** Is **C** Am **D** Does
23. "Are they from Japan?" — "No, _____."
A they not **B** they aren't **C** they isn't **D** they're not are
24. "Is it your bag?" — "Yes, _____."
A it's **B** it is **C** it are **D** is it
25. Choose the correct question.
A Where you are from? **B** Where are you from?
C Where is you from? **D** Where you from are?
26. "Am I late?" — "No, you _____."
A am not **B** isn't **C** aren't **D** not
27. How old _____ your children?
A is **B** are **C** am **D** be
28. "Is Lina your cousin?" Choose the correct answer.
A Yes, she is. **B** Yes, she's. **C** Yes, he are. **D** Yes, is she.
29. Find the mistake: "Is Peter and Maya at the park?"
A Is **B** Peter **C** Maya **D** park
30. "Who _____ that man?" — "He's my uncle."
A are **B** am **C** is **D** be

Answer key – Verb to be (am, is, are) – Test 1

1 A	2 C	3 B	4 D	5 A	6 B	7 C	8 C	9 C	10 B
11 C	12 B	13 D	14 C	15 C	16 C	17 A	18 D	19 B	20 C
21 C	22 B	23 B	24 B	25 B	26 C	27 B	28 A	29 A	30 C

Explanations

- A** – We use 'am' with the subject 'I'.
- C** – 'My sister' is she (third person singular), so we use 'is'.
- B** – 'Tom and Ana' is plural (they), so we use 'are'.
- D** – 'The weather' is it (singular), so we use 'is'.
- A** – We use 'are' with the subject 'we'.
- B** – We use 'is' with the subject 'she'.
- C** – I'm is the contraction of 'I am'.
- C** – 'My books' is plural, so we use 'are'.
- C** – The contraction of 'they are' is 'they're'. 'Their' is a possessive word.
- B** – We always use 'are' with 'you', even for one person.
- C** – The negative with 'I' is 'am not' (short form: I'm not).
- B** – With 'he' the negative is 'is not', or 'isn't'.
- D** – 'My parents' is plural, so the negative is 'aren't'.
- C** – We put 'not' after 'is': It is not / It isn't.
- C** – With 'we' the negative is 'aren't'.
- C** – 'Sara and I' means 'we', so the correct form is 'aren't'.
- A** – 'The shop' is singular, so the negative is 'isn't'.
- D** – The negative of 'I am' is 'I'm not'. 'Amn't' is not standard English.
- B** – 'The cat' is it (singular), so the negative is 'isn't'.
- C** – 'The children' is plural, so the negative is 'aren't'.
- C** – In questions with 'you' we use 'Are' before the subject.
- B** – 'Your brother' is singular, so the question starts with 'Is'.
- B** – The negative short answer for 'they' is 'No, they aren't'.
- B** – We don't use contractions in positive short answers, so we say 'Yes, it is'.
- B** – In questions, the verb comes before the subject: Where + are + you.
- C** – The answer is about 'you', so we use 'you aren't'.
- B** – 'Your children' is plural, so we use 'are'.
- A** – The correct positive short answer is 'Yes, she is', with no contraction.
- A** – 'Peter and Maya' is plural, so the question must start with 'Are'.
- C** – 'That man' is singular, so we use 'is'.

Notes for teachers: Use this test after introducing subject pronouns and the present forms of to be, or as a quick diagnostic at the start of an A1 course. It targets frequent beginner errors: subject-verb agreement with plural subjects such as 'Tom and Ana', the incorrect form 'amn't', the wrong word order in questions, and contractions in positive short answers such as 'Yes, it's'. As a follow-up, students can write five true and five false sentences about themselves. Partners then answer with short answers.