

Verb to be (am, is, are) – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

Complete each sentence with *am*, *is* or *are*.

Example: He ____ (be) my brother. → is

1. I _____ (be) a student.
2. My sister _____ (be) twelve years old.
3. We _____ (be) in the classroom.
4. The cat _____ (be) black and white.
5. You _____ (be) my best friend.
6. Ana and Leo _____ (be) from Brazil.
7. It _____ (be) cold today.
8. My parents _____ (be) at work.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

Complete the sentences with a word from the box. There are two extra words.

Example: Is she your mum? – No, she _____. → isn't

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am is are isn't aren't 'm not was be

9. I _____ hungry. I had a big lunch.
10. Kenji is from Japan. He _____ from China.
11. The shops _____ open on Sunday. They are closed.
12. _____ you a teacher? – Yes, I am.
13. _____ your brother at home? – No, he isn't.
14. Are you tired? – Yes, I _____.
15. This is Maria. She _____ my cousin. Her mother is my aunt.
16. Hi, we _____ Paul and Emma. Nice to meet you!

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

Rewrite each sentence as a negative or a question, as shown in brackets.

Example: She is happy. (question) → Is she happy?

17. He is a doctor. (negative)

18. They are at the park. (question)

19. I am tired. (negative)

20. She is from Canada. (question)

21. We are friends. (negative)

22. The bus is late. (question)

23. You are ready. (question)

24. It is my phone. (negative)

Exercise 4: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences or questions.

Example: is / he / where → Where is he?

25. you / are / how / old / ?

26. name / is / what / your / ?

27. is / where / sister / your / ?

28. not / I / am / late / .

29. from / are / they / Italy / ?

30. is / the / big / house / very / .

Exercise 5: Find the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: We is students. → We are students.

31. She are my teacher.

32. I is twenty years old.

33. They is in the kitchen.

34. Is you happy?

35. He not is at school today.

36. My dog are very small.

37. Are Tom from London?

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

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences

1. **am**
We use 'am' with I.
2. **is**
'My sister' is she, so we use 'is'.
3. **are**
We use 'are' with we.
4. **is**
'The cat' is it, so we use 'is'.
5. **are**
We use 'are' with you.
6. **are**
Two people are they, so we use 'are'.
7. **is**
We use 'is' with it.
8. **are**
'My parents' is plural (they), so we use 'are'.

Exercise 2: Use the words in the box

9. **'m not**
The negative of 'I am' is 'I'm not'.
10. **isn't**
The negative of 'he is' is 'he isn't'.
11. **aren't**
'The shops' is plural, so the negative is 'aren't'.
12. **Are**
In questions, 'are' goes before 'you'.
13. **Is**
In questions, 'is' goes before the subject 'your brother'.
14. **am**
The short answer with I is 'Yes, I am.'
15. **is**
We use 'is' with she.
16. **are**
We use 'are' with we.

Exercise 3: Negatives and questions

17. **He isn't a doctor.**
Add 'not' after 'is': is not / isn't.
18. **Are they at the park?**
Put 'are' before 'they' to make a question.
19. **I'm not tired.**
Add 'not' after 'am'; there is no short form 'amn't'.
20. **Is she from Canada?**
Put 'is' before 'she' to make a question.
21. **We aren't friends.**
Add 'not' after 'are': are not / aren't.
22. **Is the bus late?**
Put 'is' before 'the bus' to make a question.
23. **Are you ready?**
Put 'are' before 'you' to make a question.
24. **It isn't my phone.**
Add 'not' after 'is': is not / isn't.

Exercise 4: Put the words in order

25. **How old are you?**
Question word first, then 'are', then the subject.
26. **What is your name?**
Question word 'what', then 'is', then 'your name'.
27. **Where is your sister?**
Question word 'where', then 'is', then the subject.
28. **I am not late.**
In negatives, 'not' comes after 'am'.
29. **Are they from Italy?**
In yes/no questions, 'are' comes first.
30. **The house is very big.**
Subject, then 'is', then the description.

Exercise 5: Find the mistake

31. **She is my teacher.**
We use 'is' with she, not 'are'.
32. **I am twenty years old.**
We use 'am' with I.
33. **They are in the kitchen.**
We use 'are' with they.
34. **Are you happy?**
We use 'are' with you, also in questions.
35. **He is not at school today.**
'Not' comes after the verb: is not.
36. **My dog is very small.**
'My dog' is singular (it), so we use 'is'.
37. **Is Tom from London?**
Tom is one person (he), so the question starts with 'Is'.

Notes for teachers: Start with a quick drill matching pronouns to am, is and are before learners do Exercise 1. Typical mistakes include using 'is' with I or they, putting 'not' before the verb ('He not is'), and forgetting to move the verb to the front in questions. As a follow-up, ask pairs to interview each other with questions like 'Are you from...?' and 'Is your...?', then report back using he/she is and isn't.