

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

- 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.

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."



up to



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.