

Verb to be

O verbo *to be* é usado para descrever características ou estados temporários de pessoas e objetos. Por exemplo:

I am a basketball player. (Eu sou um jogador de basquete) – Uma das suas características é ser um jogador de basquete

I am happy to see you! (Eu estou feliz em te ver!) – Expressando o sentimento (temporário) de felicidade

Nós usamos diferentes formas (conjugações) do verbo *to be* dependendo da pessoa do discurso



Subject pronoun (pronome sujeito)	Verb "to be"	Contraction (contração/forma reduzida)
I	Am	I'm
You	Are	You're
He, she, it	Is	He's, She's, It's
We	Are	We're
You	Are	You're
They	Are	They're



Uses of the verb to be

Names

I am Alice/ My name is Alice.

Age

Jessica is 6 years old.

Alice is twelve years old.

The students are 12 years old.

Feelings

Mary and John are sad.

The team is not excited to play...

Nationalities

I am English/ I am from England.

Are you Brazilian? / No, we are Bolivian.

Professions

You are a nurse.

Is she a lawyer?

He is a doctor.

Role or relationship

We are a team.

Are you the manager?

We are married.

They are friends.

She is my girlfriend.

Location

I am at the supermarket.

They are on vacation.



Negative form

Subject + verb to be + not

I	Am	I am/I'm not from Nicaragua
You	Are	You are/ You're not polite.
He, she, it	Is	It is/It's not an apple
We	Are	We are/We're athletes
You	Are	You are/You're 60 years old
They	Are	They are/They're beautiful

Interrogative form

Verb to be + subject

Am	I	Am I your roommate?
Are	You	Are you at the hospital?
Is	He, she, it	Is this seat available?
Are	We	Are we smart?
Are	You	Are you excited?
Are	They	Are they Indian?

Negative questions

Verb to be + not (n't) + subject

Am	I	Aren't I ¹ your best friend?
Are	You	Aren't you a worker?
Is	He, she, it	Isn't the situation terrible?
Are	We	Aren't we intelligent?
Are	You	Aren't you anxious?
Are	They	Aren't Beyoncé and Jay Z amazing?

¹ Em contextos extremamente formais, a pergunta negativa com "eu" aparece como *Am I not?* No entanto, na maior parte do tempo, você vai ver e usar a forma *Aren't I?* (*Are not I?*).



Exercises

Warm up with

<https://www.english-4u.de/en/tenses-exercises/verb-to-be.htm>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple-exercise-11.html>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple-exercise-10.html>

<https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/present-simple-exercise-12.html>

Practice!

Write a paragraph about yourself such as the one below. Change the order or the information if you want to. When necessary, search the translation of words you want to use to expand your vocabulary! The [Cambridge Dictionary](#) is a good website to help.

My name is Ben and I am 15 years old. I am from Mexico City, but my parents are from Managua, in Nicaragua. I am a student and my favourite subject at school is Mathematics. My brother is 6 years old and he is very cute and energetic! My other relatives are still in Managua. Nokia is my favourite singer and Please Like Me is the TV series I like the most. Now in quarantine the activity I do every day is talking to my friends through Skype.