We use the verb to be:

- to describe people, animals or things.
  John is tall. You’re beautiful.
- to talk about age.
  She is 12 years old.
- to tell where someone is from.
  They are from Holland.
- to talk about nationality.
  I’m French.
- to talk about jobs / professions.
  My father is a doctor.

- to talk about feelings.
  He’s tired. I’m afraid.
- to tell where things are.
  Paris is in France.
- to talk about the weather.
  It’s hot today.
- to tell the time.
  It’s one o’clock.

Complete the sentences with the **affirmative** form of the verb. Write long forms (am, is, are).

1. Stephen ______ very intelligent.
2. My books ______ on the shelf.
3. I ______ hungry now.
4. This coffee ______ cold.
5. Tigers ______ orange and black.
6. My house ______ very small.
7. They ______ from Japan.
8. I ______ a good student.
9. Peter and Lisa ______ on holiday.
10. My grandmother ______ very old.
11. His T-shirt ______ very dirty.
12. We ______ good friends.

Complete the sentences with the **negative** form of the verb. Write long forms (am not, is not, are not).

1. Ann’s car ______ very fast.
2. I ______ rich. I’m poor.
3. It ______ half past nine.
4. My parents ______ at home now.
5. Ben ______ my brother. He’s my cousin.
7. These jeans ______ very expensive.
8. The car ______ in the garage.
9. I ______ a ballet dancer. I’m a teacher.
10. William and Mark ______ from Liverpool.
11. It ______ a lovely day. It’s cloudy.
12. The kids ______ in the garden now.
Rewrite the sentences using **short** forms.

1. Betty is a young girl.
   ____________________________

2. They are from Italy.
   ____________________________

3. I am good at playing football.
   ____________________________

4. He is afraid of spiders.
   ____________________________

5. You are my best friend.
   ____________________________

Complete the sentences with **am, is, are, I am not, isn’t or aren’t**.

1. This ______ my dog. His name ______ Tobby.
   ____________________________

2. Blue and white ______ my favourite colours, but I don’t like green.
   ____________________________

3. Kyle ______ at home now. He’s at the cinema with his friends.
   ____________________________

4. I ______ ready. Please, wait a minute!
   ____________________________

5. Michael’s hair ______ fair and his eyes ______ blue. He ______ very handsome.
   ____________________________

6. Frank ______ in the office today, because he’s ill.
   ____________________________

7. These questions ______ easy. I need some help.
   ____________________________

8. A lemon ______ sweet. It ______ sour.
   ____________________________

9. These bananas ______ green. Don’t eat them!
   ____________________________

10. The window ______ open. Please, open it!
    ____________________________

11. The shops ______ closed today, because it is Sunday.
    ____________________________

12. Janet and Linda ______ hardworking students. They’re very lazy.
    ____________________________

13. I ______ very busy now. I can’t help you.
    ____________________________

14. Cheetahs ______ very fast animals. But turtles ______ very slow.
    ____________________________

15. Paris ______ the capital of Spain.
    ____________________________

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17. ______ you a housewife? No, I ______. I ______ a nurse in a hospital.
    ____________________________

18. Alex and David ______ in the football team. They play basketball.
    ____________________________

19. My purse ______ in my handbag. Where ______ it? I can’t find it!
    ____________________________

20. It ______ very cold today. Take a jacket.
    ____________________________

Rewrite the sentences using **short** forms.

1. It is not cold today.
   ____________________________

2. My parents are not in the living room.
   ____________________________

3. Jenny is not very strong.
   ____________________________

4. I am not on the phone now.
   ____________________________

5. We are not thirsty.
   ____________________________

Write the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1. under / cats / the / bed / are / the
   ____________________________

2. alone / home / Robin / isn’t / at
   ____________________________

3. school / I / late / today / am / for
   ____________________________

4. Scotland / aren’t / Jean / Pierre / and / from
   ____________________________

5. girl / my / niece / a / pretty / is
   ____________________________

6. not / English / I / teacher / your / am
   ____________________________

7. city / Paris / beautiful / is / a
   ____________________________

8. shoes / in / the / my / aren’t / bedroom
   ____________________________

Correct the mistakes.

1. I are not very tall.
   ____________________________

2. Today are Carol’s birthday.
   ____________________________

3. Andy’s parents isn’t at work.
   ____________________________

4. Daniel and I am engaged.
   ____________________________

5. My neighbour aren’t very nice.
   ____________________________
Write the words in the correct order to make **questions** and answer them. Use **short answers**.

1. open / the / are / today / banks / ?
   
2. German / difficult / it / is / speak / to / ?
   
3. your / married / is / sister / ?
   
4. this / I / am / photograph / in / ?
   
5. you / tired / now / are / ?
   
6. answer / this / is / right / ?
   
7. shoes / expensive / these / are / ?
   
8. in / Jack / the / kitchen / is / ?
   
9. your / forty / mother / is / old / years / ?
   
10. angry / are / with / you / me / ?

Look at the pictures and write **questions** and **answers** using the verb **to be**, as in the example.

0. your mother / at home?
   **Is your mother at home?**
   **No, she isn’t. She’s the hairdresser.**

   1. the new cook / American?
   
   2. Paul and Charles / teachers?
   
   3. I / beautiful?
   
   4. Stephen’s car / big?
   
   5. an elephant / light?
   
   6. the children / at school?
   
   7. Phil / thirsty?
   
   8. Pam and Kate / cousins?
   
   9. you / happy?

hungry  very heavy
very ugly  police officers
furious  at the hairdresser
at the playground  small
Chinese  twin sisters