



2. “Be” Verb

Mr. Smith is my math teacher.

1. What is the **subject** of this sentence?
2. What is the **verb** of this sentence?
3. What do you call this verb? verb
4. If you change the subject, does the “**be**” **verb** change? yes no
5. What form of the “**be**” **verb** do you need with each subject pronoun?
a. I b. you c. he d. she
e. it f. we g. they
6. What do you call this verb tense? (**am**, **is** and **are**)

a. Alaska is the biggest state in the U.S.
b. The biggest state in the U.S. is Alaska.

7. Are both of these sentences correct? yes no
8. Do they have the same meaning? yes no
9. What kind of word are **the U.S.** and **Alaska**?
10. Is one sentence better than the other? yes no
11. In sentence **a**, which piece of information is more important? Alaska biggest...
12. In sentence **b**, which piece of information is more important? Alaska biggest...
13. Are **Alaska** and **biggest state** the same thing? yes no

a. English is a difficult language.
b. English is difficult.

14. Are both of these sentence correct? yes no
15. In sentence **a**, what word describes **English**?
16. What kind of word is **language**?
17. In sentence **b**, what word describes **English**?
18. What kind of word is **difficult**?

a. She is a strong swimmer.
b. She’s a strong swimmer.

19. Are both of these sentences correct? yes no
20. Do they have the same meaning? yes no
21. What do you call the short form **She’s**?
22. Is it ok to use **contractions** when you speak? yes no
23. Is it ok to use **contractions** when you write? yes no



24. What are the **contractions** of these subject/verb pairs?

a. I am ⇒

b. you are ⇒

c. he is ⇒

d. she is ⇒

e. it is ⇒

f. we are ⇒

g. they are ⇒

a. The game is on Friday.

b. The books are on the table.

25. Are both of these sentences correct?

yes no

26. What kind of word is **on**?

27. What question is answered by **on Friday**?

28. What question is answered by **on the table**?

a. The stores very crowded today.

b. I am a headache.

29. Are either of these sentences correct?

yes no

30. What is the problem in sentence **a**?

31. What kind of word is **headache** in sentence **b**?

32. Are **headache** and **I** the same thing?

yes no

33. Can you use the **“be” verb** when things are different?

yes no

Exercise 1: The “Be” Verb

Write the correct form of the **“be” verb** in the blank.

1. I tired and hungry.

9. The restaurant very crowded.

2. My sister younger than me.

10. My books in my locker.

3. you Chinese?

11. My friends and I eating lunch.

4. My students all from Asia.

12. Bangkok the capital of Thailand.

5. We going to watch a movie.

13. Tomorrow Tuesday.

6. Your English very good.

14. Christmas and Thanksgiving

7. This suitcase very heavy.

important holidays in the U.S.

8. These suitcases very heavy.

15. This room a little cold.

Exercise 2: Subject-Verb Contractions

Write the correct **subject/verb contraction** in the blank. (I’m, They’re, etc.).

1. Akiko is Japanese. from Osaka.

2. Tomorrow is June 14. Dave’s birthday.

3. I forgot my keys. in my room.

4. My son loves to run. very fast.



5. Could you help me move these chairs. _____ very heavy.
6. You will enjoy surfing. _____ a lot of fun.
7. Class started five minutes ago. _____ late.
8. I brought a book to read on the airplane. _____ in my backpack.
9. I brought some CDs to listen to. _____ in my backpack.
10. I don't like dogs. _____ afraid of them.
11. I don't like dogs. I think _____ scary.
12. My brother and I are the same age. _____ twins.

Exercise 3: Make Sentences

Make sentences from the following words. Add the correct form of the “be” verb.

Ex. (movie / my / this / favorite) → This is my favorite movie.

1. (eight / son / year / my / old)

2. (tennis / and / Darren / good / Kainoa / players)

3. (food / favorite / my / pizza)

4. (famous / Beach / very / Waikiki)

5. (capital / Honolulu / the / Hawaii / of)

_____ **or**

6. (surfing / hobbies / and / movies / my / watching)

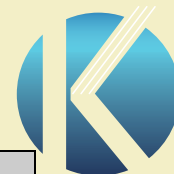
7. (subjects / math / favorite / and / my / science)

_____ **or**

8. (Friday / next / on / test / the)

9. (studying / library / students / the / the / in)

10. (very / a / Kenna / tall / player / so / good / she / player)



- a. I am hungry.
b. I am not hungry.

- Which of these sentences is a **negative** sentence? a b
- What word in sentence **b** is the **negative** word?
- Does **not** come **before** or **after** the “be” verb? before after
- What are the negative forms of the “**be**” verb?
a. I b. you c. he d. she
e. it f. we g. they

- a. We are not hungry.
b. We aren’t hungry.

- Which sentence has a **contraction**? a b
- What are the **contractions** of these negative phrases?
a. I am not ⇒ b. you are not ⇒ c. he is not ⇒
d. she is not ⇒ e. it is not ⇒
f. we are not ⇒ g. they are not ⇒

- a. She is my sister.
b. Is she your sister?

- Which of these sentences is a **statement**? a b
- Which of these sentences is a **question**? a b
- Does the **be** verb come **before** or **after** the subject
a. ...in a question? before after
b. ...in a regular sentence? before after
- How do you answer this question? Yes,
or No,

Exercise 4: Negatives

Write the correct form of the “be” verb in the blank. The first sentence is usually **negative**.

- Terry at home. She at work.
- I in middle school. I in high school.
- London the capitol of France. It the capitol of England.
- We late because it only 7:55. We on time.
- Today Christmas, so stores open. They all closed.
- This book expensive. It actually very cheap. It only costs \$3.00.



7. My oldest son _____ very tall, so he _____ a soccer player. My youngest son and daughter _____ both very tall. They _____ both volleyball players.
8. Min _____ from Seoul. She _____ from Busan. Busan _____ the second largest city in Korea.
9. The roads _____ very crowded this morning because today _____ a holiday. It _____ very easy to drive today.
10. The dishes _____ done yet. They _____ still in the sink.

Exercise 5: Subject-Verb Agreement

Write the correct subject/verb contraction in the blank. (I'm not, They aren't, etc.).

1. Don't worry. The test is easy. _____ difficult.
2. Those people are from New Zealand. _____ Australian.
3. My wife doesn't like football. _____ interested in sports.
4. My best friend is younger than me. _____ the same age.
5. I think these sunglasses are Mike's. _____ my sunglasses.
6. A Mercedes-Benz is expensive. _____ cheap.
7. You have a lot of homework to do. _____ finished yet.
8. Noah is sick today. _____ at school today.
9. I ate a big breakfast this morning. _____ hungry.
10. The waves are really small today. _____ big enough for surfing.

Exercise 6: Questions and Answers

Make simple questions from the following words and then write the correct answer.

1. (you / cold)
A: _____ ? B: Yes, _____
2. (this restaurant / expensive)
A: _____ ? B: No, _____
3. (stores / open / today)
A: _____ ? B: Yes, _____
4. (your homework / finished)
A: _____ ? B: No, _____
5. (Kelly / Tara / good / swimmer)
A: _____ ? B: Yes, _____



6. (you / brother / high school / a student)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
7. (car / new)
A: _____? B: No, _____
8. (Kylie / Australia)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
9. (I / late)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
10. (these clothes / clean)
A: _____? B: No, _____

Exercise 7: Make Sentences

Make sentences from the following words. Add the correct form of the “be” verb.

Ex. (movie / my / this / favorite) → This is my favorite movie.

1. (not / Hawaii / cold / winter / in)

2. (students / the / this / Japanese / in / Korean / and / class)

3. (difficult / test / not / this)

4. (now / not / parents / at / right / home / my)

5. (class / same / Jason / Kelly / and / in / the)

6. (not / I / I / but / thirsty / hungry) [You need the “be” verb two times.]

7. (my / Bob / friend / best)

8. (fish / not / mammals / dolphins / . / they) [Write two sentences]

9. (popular / pizza / in / very / America / cheeseburgers / foods)

10. (not / Jennifer / good / good / singer / dancer / but) [You need the “be” verb two times.]



Exercise 8: Transformers

Make the correct changes to the following sentences.

The book is expensive.

1. (not)

2. (?)

3. (books)

4. (not)

5. (~~not~~)

My parents are sitting on the front porch.

1. (not)

2. (?)

3. (you)

4. (?)

5. (not)

Bob's sister is going to get married soon.

1. (not)

2. (?)

3. (friends)

4. (?)

5. (not)

a. Today is very hot.

b. Yesterday was very hot.

1. What **verb tense** is sentence **a** in?

2. What **verb tense** is sentence **b** in?

3. What word in sentence **b** tells you to use the **past simple** tense?

4. What form of the **"be" verb** do you need in the **past simple** tense?

a. I _____

b. you _____

c. he _____

d. she _____

e. it _____

f. we _____

g. they _____

a. I was hungry.

b. I wasn't hungry.



5. Where do you put **not** in the past tense? _____ the **be** verb

6. What is the negative form of the "**be**" verb in the **past simple**?

- a. I _____ b. you _____ c. he _____ d. she _____
e. it _____ f. we _____ g. they _____

- a. I was hungry.
b. Were you hungry?

7. Where do you put the **be** verb in the question? _____ the subject

8. How do you answer this question? Yes, I _____
No, I _____

- a. Today is very hot.
b. Tomorrow will be very hot.

9. What **verb tense** is sentence **b** in? _____
10. What word in sentence **b** tells you to use the **future simple**? _____
11. What word is used to show the **future simple** tense? _____
12. What kind of word is **will**? _____
13. Does anything change in the **future** if the subject changes? yes no
14. What is the **contraction** of **I will be**? _____

- a. Tomorrow will be very hot.
b. Tomorrow will not be very hot.
c. Will tomorrow be very hot?

15. Are all of these statements correct? yes no
16. Where do you put **not** in the **future simple** tense? after _____
17. What is the **contraction** of **will not be**? _____
18. What word moves to the front in a question? _____
19. How do you answer a question in the **future simple**? Yes, I _____
No, I _____

Exercise 9: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct verb in the blank. Pay attention to time words.

1. Yesterday, I _____ camping on the beach. It _____ really nice.
2. Last year, my son _____ seven years old. Now, he _____ eight.
3. Right now the weather _____ nice and sunny, but twenty minutes ago, it _____ windy and raining.
4. The children _____ really tired after school, so they _____ taking a nap right now.
5. I thought my shoes _____ in my closet, but they _____ there now.



6. A: Why _____ you smiling? B: I _____ very happy.
7. A: Why _____ the baby crying a few minutes ago? B: She _____ hungry.
8. We _____ really hungry last night, but the refrigerator _____ empty, so we went to 7-Eleven.
9. Babe Ruth _____ one of the greatest baseball players of all time.
10. We didn't like our hotel room. It _____ very small and it _____ very clean.
11. I tried to call you yesterday, but you _____ home. Where _____ you?
12. Todd _____ at school yesterday because he _____ sick. He _____ at school today, though.
13. The banks _____ open yesterday because it _____ Sunday.
14. I _____ a good basketball player when I _____ young because I _____ very tall.
15. That movie _____ very good. I thought it _____ boring. (I didn't like it very much.)

Exercise 10: Questions and Answers

Make questions from the following words and then write the correct answer.

1. (waves / big / yesterday)
A: _____? B: No, _____
2. (you / the party / tomorrow)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
3. (the weather / nice / last weekend)
A: _____? B: No, _____
4. (your mother / a teacher)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
5. (they / English class)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
6. (people / New Zealand / friendly)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
7. (those shoes / comfortable)
A: _____? B: No, _____
8. (Mr. Jones / you / teacher / next year)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____
9. (the stores / open / yesterday)
A: _____? B: No, _____
10. (the game / exciting)
A: _____? B: Yes, _____