

The verb “to be.”

We use the present forms of the verb “to be” to make a present simple sentence:

1. He **is** a businessman.
2. They **are** our friends.
3. We **are** students in this class.
4. I **am** your new class representative.

We can also use the present simple form of the verb ‘to be’ to make a present continuous sentence.

1. He **is** working on a new essay.
2. They **are** travelling to London.
3. We **are** walking in the garden.
4. I **am** helping my mother in the kitchen.

	Singular + Verb to be	Plural + Verb to be
First Person	I am Contraction: I'm Negative: I'm not	We are Contraction: We're Negative: We aren't
Second Person	You are Contraction: You're Negative: You aren't	You are Contraction: You're Negative: You aren't
Third person	He is Contraction: He's Negative: He isn't She is Contraction: She's Negative: She isn't It is Contraction: It's Negative: It isn't	They are Contraction: They're Negative: They aren't

Activity 1:

Choose the correct form of the verb “to be” to complete the following sentences. In these sentences, we will only practice the present form of the verb “to be”.

1. I _____ a student.
2. We _____ your friends.
3. We _____ working on a new project.
4. You _____ our neighbours.
5. You _____ his friend.
6. He _____ my class fellow.
7. She _____ the tallest student in the class.
8. It _____ sitting on a chair.
9. They _____ our teachers.
10. Michael _____ working in a college.
11. Paul and Sara _____ busy in a meeting.
12. Students _____ working on their assignments.
13. Cucumber, reddish and onions _____ vegetables.
14. An egg a day _____ good for your health.
15. That passenger _____ sitting on the wrong seat.

Activity 2:

Choose the correct **negative form of the verb “to be”** to complete the following sentences. In these sentences, we will only practice the present form of the verb “to be”.

1. I _____ a student here.
2. Glenn and I _____ working on new programmes.
3. You _____ listening to me.
4. You _____ here to clean this room.
5. We _____ afraid of a lion.
6. We _____ tired. You can give us more work.
7. It _____ my fault.
8. It _____ your cat.
9. She _____ working here as a secretary.
10. She _____ my friend's sister.
11. He _____ fighting.
12. He _____ a pilot.
13. Alice, David and James _____ friends.
14. They _____ working in different schools.
15. They _____ looking forward to their jobs.

Activity 3:

Work in pairs. Read the following sentences and find mistakes. Underline the mistakes and re-write the correct sentences on the lines below the sentences.

1. They is my friends in the college.

2. My neighbours is very nice people.

3. I is studying English at The Manchester College.

4. When elders is talking, you should not interrupt.

5. My students is very hardworking.

6. Alice, Michael and Yaqub is very nice people.

7. Clara are a secretary in my office.

8. My room are too small for this class.

9. Their rooms is too big for their classes.

10. Your writing are suitable for this level.

Capitalisation

The pronoun “ I “ is always capital.

Names of people, countries, cities, nationalities, languages, mountains and rivers are always capitalised.

Abbreviations (TMC / USA / UK) and titles (Mr / Mrs / Ms) are always capitalised.

The first letter after a full stop (.), question mark (?) and exclamation mark (!) is always capitalised.

The first letter of a sentence is always capitalised.

The first letters of days and months are always capitalised.

Activity 4:

Read the following passage and circle all the mistakes of the capital letters. Rewrite the passage.

my name is hussain and I am from sudan. i arrived in the uk last november. in the beginning, I had some problems, but now i am very happy. i live in manchester and study at the manchester college. The name of my course is esol.

I wake up early in the morning and leave home early to reach the college on time. sometimes, the bus is late and sometimes I get late because of the traffic. however, because i leave early, i always reach the college on time.

in my free time, i play football, watch tv and talk to my family on whatsapp. i need to find a job after completing my course so I am applying for different voluntary work to have experience.
