Present Simple: to be

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Warm-up

Read the sentences. Pay attention to the verbs in bold.

She **is** an IT specialist. The kids **are** at school. James **is** 36 years old.

My phone is new. I am not lazy.

Study the rules.

Full forms	Short forms	Negative forms	Questions
<i>I am</i> a manager.	I'm a manager.	I'm not a manager.	Am I a manager?
You are so kind!	You're so kind!	You aren't kind.	Are you kind?
He is a good guy.	He's a good guy.	He isn't a good guy.	Is he a good guy?
She is fine.	She's fine.	She isn't fine.	Is she fine?
It is OK.	It's OK.	It's not okay.	Is it okay?
We are the	We're the		Are we the
champions!	champions!	We aren't the champions.	champions?
They are at work.	They're at work.	They aren't at work.	Are they at work?

Remember

You = for one person and many people.

It = for one thing, NOT people (a city = it, a tomato = it).

They = for people and things (cities = they, children = they).

Use:

<u>Iobs.</u> He is a barista.

Places. The kids are at school.

Ages. My mom is 56.

States. This dress is new.

Qualities. They are not lazy.

Speak!

- Are you lazy?
- What is the day today?
- What are your favourite colours?
- What are your parent's names?
- Which animal is more loyal, a cat or a dog?

TASK 1

Find the right ending to the beginnings of the sentences.

I	is Alina.	
Elephants	are in kindergarten.	
Her name	am thirsty.	
The children	is not blue.	
It	are hungry.	

My brother	are friendly.	
Their families	is in the shower.	

TASK 2

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- 1. is / in the countryside / my home.
- 2. housework / really unpleasant / is/ to me.
- 3. the musical instruments /not / easy/ to play/ are.
- 4. your friend / is / who?
- 5. what / TV series / your favourite/ is?

TASK 3

Complete the sentences. Then make them negative and interrogative.

- 1. My niece ... a pretty nice girl.
- 2. They ... good at hockey.
- 3. I ... fantastic at playing the piano.
- 4. Sportsmen ... always honest people.

5. Today ... very busy.

TASK 4

The verb "to be" or a different verb? Put the right verb into the gaps.

- 1. She ... milk every day.
- 2. We ... eggs and bacon for breakfast.
- 3. The film ... annoying.
- 4. He ... a chocolate-lover.
- 5. Penguins ... in Antarctica.
- 6. Ben ... a great specialist in biology.
- 7. My neighbours ... a lot of noise in the evenings. It ... horrible!
- 8. ... this your sandwich?
- 9. ... she ... English?
- 10. ... Andy and Rob there?

TASK 5

Tell me about your best friend/favourite book/film. You can use the following points to help:

- 1. Your best friend's name.
- 2. Why you like them.
- 3. Their job/hobby/character.

- 4. How often you meet.
- 5. What you do together.

HOMEWORK

Make a story using the pictures. It must be in the present tense. Use "be" in the right form for states, qualities, jobs. Use other verbs for actions. Think about who might be the people, what they do, what their characters are.

