

Verb To Be



Ser/Estar

The verb **to be** is the most important verb in the English language. It is difficult to use because it is an irregular verb in almost all of its forms. In the simple present tense, to be is conjugated as follows:

Affirmative forms of Verb to be

| Personal Pronoun | Full Form | Contracted Form |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| I (Yo) | am | 'm |
| You (Tú/Ustedes) | are | 're |
| He (El) | is | 's |
| She (Ella) | is | 's |
| It (El/Ella animal/cosa) | is | 's |
| We (Nosotros) | are | 're |
| They (Ellos) | are | 're |

Negative forms of Verb to Be

| Personal Pronoun | Full Form | Contracted Form |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| I | am not | 'm not |
| You | are not | aren't |
| He | is not | isn't |
| She | is not | isn't |
| It | is not | isn't |
| We | are not | aren't |
| They | are not | aren't |

Interrogative forms of Verb to Be

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| <u>Am</u> | <u>I?</u> |
| <u>Are</u> | <u>You?</u> |
| <u>Is</u> | <u>He....?</u> |
| <u>Is</u> | <u>She...?</u> |
| <u>Is</u> | <u>It...?</u> |
| <u>Are</u> | <u>We...?</u> |
| <u>Are</u> | <u>They....?</u> |

Examples:

- 1- I am a student. (+)
- 2- You aren't at home. (-)
- 3- Is he fine? (?)
- 4- She isn't sixteen years old. (-)
- 5- It's at 234 O'Higgins Street. (+)
- 6- Are we in the birthday party? (?)
- 7- They are old. (+)