Exercise 1
Using the Verb "To be"
Write the correct form of the verb "To be" in present tense.

Example: I (be) am happy.
1) I (be) _____ tired.
2) I (be) _____ hungry.
3) I (be) _____ late!

Example: He / She / It (be) is happy.
4) He (be) _____ cool.
5) She (be) _____ pretty.
6) It (be) _____ fast.

Example: You / We / They (be) are happy.
7) You (be) _____ nice.
8) We (be) _____ sleepy.
9) They (be) _____ funny.

Now we'll use nouns instead of pronouns…

10) John (be) _____ excited.
11) Tiffany and Uma (be) _____ my friends.
12) Ricardo, John and I (be) _____ watching a movie.
13) Hadil (be) _____ kind.
14) Alisa (be) _____ young.
15) The hammer (be) _____ new.
16) My mother and father (be) _____ cooking dinner.
17) Rachel (be) _____ driving to school.
18) Nikkos and Billy (be) _____ playing at the park.
19) The students (be) _____ studying English.
20) The test (be) _____ hard!
21) My best friend (be) _____ coming to my house.
### Exercise 2

**Using the Verb "To be"**

Choose the correct form of "to be" in *present tense.*

**Example:** I (be) am excited.  
**Example:** Jessica and Akbar (be) are happy.  
**Example:** The new car (be) is nice.

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Exercise 3
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Write the correct form of the verb "to be" in present tense.

Note: The verb can be positive (+) or negative (−). Use not to form the negative.
Example: My teacher (be) is nice. (+)
Example: The cat (be, not) is not hungry. (−)

1) The old man (be) ________ wise.
2) The sun (be) ________ hot.

3) The children (be) ________ eating bananas. They (be, not) ________ eating apples.
4) I (be) ________ happy. I (be, not) ________ sad.

5) The racecar (be) ________ fast. It (be, not) ________ slow.
6) My friend (be) ________ buying a new car. Her old car broke down. It doesn’t work anymore.

7) I (be) ________ at the beach with my family. It (be) ________ hot and sunny outside. The ocean water (be) ________ warm.
8) Ko and Jacob (be) ________ very smart. Ko (be) ________ a scientist and Jacob (be) ________ an engineer.

9) The library (be) ________ open until 9:00 p.m.
10) The school (be) ________ small. It (be, not) ________ big.

11) The books (be) ________ new. They (be, not) ________ old.
12) Tommy, Steven, and Teddy (be) ________ acting in the school play.

13) Beatrice (be) ________ at her house.
14) It (be) ________ hot outside. It (be, not) ________ cold outside.

15) You (be) ________ finished with the quiz!
16) Judith (be, not) ________ at home. She (be) ________ school.
Exercise 4
Using the Verb "To be"
Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense.

My name (be) ________ John. I (be) ________ fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) ________ in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) ________ loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) ________ still dark when I wake up. But I don’t mind. I like waking up that early. I like the way the country looks in the morning.

The first thing I do after I wake up is milk the cow. After I (be) ________ finished milking the cow, I bring the milk to my mom. I think she uses it to make breakfast. She makes a delicious breakfast. My mom (be) ________ a really good cook.

Next, I feed the pigs. One time, I asked my mom how come my little sister doesn’t feed them. She said it is because my sister (be, not) ________ strong enough. But I still don’t understand. She is almost as strong as me! I guess my mom doesn’t want my sister to get hurt. After all, the pigs can (be) ________ pretty rough, especially when they (be) ________ hungry.

The last thing I do (be) ________ feed the chickens. That (be) ________ easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) ________ eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) ________ really good to eat. They (be) ________ easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) ________ pretty busy.
Exercise 5
Using the Verb "To be"
Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense.

Tess and Jen _______ best friends.

They do everything together. They spend every day together.

One day they meet on the bus to school. They start talking.


“Oh,” says Tess, “I ______ ______ doing anything special. I don’t have any plans.”

“That _______ cool.”

“Yeah,” says Tess. “But I have something to tell you.”

“Really! Can I try to guess?”

“Umm…” says Tess. “Well…”

“Okay, I get three guesses. Ready?”

“Umm, well…okay.”

“_______ we eating dinner together?”

“No, that ______ ______ it.”

“Okay. Are we going to the soccer game together?”

“No. It ______ ______ that either.” Tess looks nervous. Her eyes look sad. A tear starts to fall down her cheek.

“Oh,” says Jen, wiping a tear from her own eye. “Now I know. You _______ moving away.”
Exercise 6
Using the Verb "To be"
Choose the correct form of "to be" in past tense.

Example: You / We / They (be) were sick yesterday.
Example: I / He / She / It (be) was sick yesterday.

1) I (be) ________ tired yesterday.
   D. was
   E. were

2) You (be) ________ happy yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

3) We (be) ________ sad yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

4) They (be) ________ busy yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

5) He (be) ________ angry yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

6) She (be) ________ sleepy yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

7) It (be) ________ cold yesterday.
   A. was
   B. were

Practice writing sentences using the verb “to be” in past tense.

1) ____________________________________________
2) ____________________________________________
3) ____________________________________________
**Exercise 7**

Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of "to be" in *past tense*.

**Example:** You / We / They (be) *were* sick last night.
**Example:** I / He / She / It (be) *was* sick last night.

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Exercise 8
Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of "to be" in past tense.

Example: My dog (be) was sick last night. (positive)
Example: Carlos (be, not) was not at work yesterday. (negative)

1) The party (be) ______ fun last weekend.
2) They (be)______ watching a movie when Ernesto called. They (be, not) ____ ____ watching TV.

3) Jessie (be) ________ tired. So, he went to sleep.
4) When she was a little girl, Margo (be) _______ very good at tennis. She practiced every day.

5) My friends and I (be) ________ studying English last night.
6) Kendra (be) ________ in my sixth grade English class. We (be) ________ good friends before she moved away.

7) The movie (be) ________ really boring. It (be, not) ____ ____ entertaining. We stopped watching it before it was over.
8) After playing outside, my dog (be) ________ very dirty. She came into the house and ran into my room. It (be) ________ such a mess!

9) I (be, not) ____ ____ eating a sandwich when you called. I (be) ________ eating a salad.
10) The students (be, not) ____ ____ ready to take the test. They needed to study more.

Practice writing sentences using the verb “to be” in past tense.

1) _____________________________________________
2) _____________________________________________
3) _____________________________________________
Exercise 9
Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in past tense.

Example: My dog (be) **was** sick last night. (positive)
Example: Carlos (be, not) **was not** at work yesterday. (negative)

1) Teddy (be) _______ driving home when I saw him.
2) Mack, Jenny, and Javier (be) _______ walking their dog when I talked to them last Saturday.
3) Who (be) _______ sleeping in my bed? It (be, not) ____ ____ James. It (be, not) ____ ____ Julio. Oh, I know! It (be) _______ Roger!
4) I (be) _______ going to the grocery store when you called.
5) At 7:00 we (be) _______ eating dinner and watching T.V.
6) When he was a kid, Ivan (be, not) ____ ____ very social. He did not spend time with his friends. He spent a lot of time alone. He (be) _______ always reading a book or listening to music in his room.
7) When I (be) _______ in the ninth grade, I (be) _______ five feet tall.
8) Lola (be) _______ a very nice girl. She helped her parents, did her homework, and even took care of her little brother. It is a shame she had to move away.
9) The cat (be) _______ faster than the mouse. So, the cat caught the mouse. Unlucky mouse!
10) The weather (be) _______ hot. We (be) _______ sweating. I asked my mom to roll the window down.
Exercise 10
Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of "to be" in present tense or past tense.

Example: My dog (be) **is** sick today. (present tense)
Example: My dog (be) **was** sick last night. (past tense)

1) The clouds moved away, and the sun shone through. The sky was full of pretty colors. It (be) _______ beautiful.

2) Arturo and Ryo (be) _______ at the party last night.

3) (be) _______ Taylor going to the pool later?

4) The old house (be) _______ built in 1967.

5) Christopher, where (be) _______ you last night? I (be) _______ looking all over for you.

6) Yesterday (be) _______ the best day of my life!

7) I (be) _______ ready to go. When (be) _______ we leaving?

8) Who (be) _______ at the pool yesterday?

9) I (be) _______ very tired. I (be) _______ tired yesterday too. I think I (be) _______ getting sick.

10) I (be) _______ driving to the office this morning when I noticed that I was getting low on gas. So, I stopped to get more. A kind man filled the tank for me. He (be) _______ very nice.
Exercise 11

Using the Verb "To be"

Write the correct form of "to be" in present tense or past tense.

Example: My dog (be) is sick. (present tense)

Example: My dog (be) was sick last night. (past tense)

1) Sarah (be) _______ at the party last night. Li-Ning and Akmoud (be) _______ there too.

2) Avery (be) _______ my best friend. She and I (be) _______ in the same English class. It meets from 10:00 to 10:50.

3) Mallika and I (be) _______ at Jenny’s house yesterday. Now, we (be) _______ at Mellissa’s house.

4) Johan and I (be) _______ in the mountains. We (be) _______ on a camping trip together. I hope we don't see a bear!

5) When she (be) _______ young, Nisha (be) _______ interested in science. However, she (be, not) _______ interested in science anymore. Now, she (be) _______ interested in math.

6) Tennis (be) _______ my favorite sport when I was in high school. Now my favorite sport (be) _______ soccer.

7) My family and I (to be) _______ swimming in the pool when it began to thunder. The lifeguard told us we had to get out. I (be) _______ upset, but I knew he was right.

8) Lenny (be) _______ at the football game last night. He (be) _______ cheering for his favorite team. After the game, he came back home and went to sleep. I think he (be) _______ still sleeping now. Shhhh... don't wake him up!

9) It rained all day yesterday. I (be) _______ sad because I could not go outside. However, today it (be) _______ sunny. And I (be) _______ happy because I can go outside!

10) Before, Yoko and Kobi (be) _______ enemies. Now they (be) _______ best friends.
**Exercise 12**

**Using the Verb "To be"**

Write the correct form of "to be" in *present tense* or *past tense*.

“I ________(1) going outside,” said Jerry.

“Wait!” said Jerry’s mom. Don’t forget to wear your jacket. It ________(2) cold out there.

“But mom,” said Jerry. “I don’t want to wear it. I will be fine without it. Besides, it _____ _____ (3) that cold today.”

Jerry opened the door. The wind ________(4) blowing and the trees ________(5) shaking. Leaves ________(6) falling to the ground. He shivered a little and stood behind the door.

“Jerry!” shouted Jerry’s mom. “You close that door and get your coat young man.”

“But mom!” said Jerry.

“But what?” said Jerry’s mom. “I don’t understand why you don’t want to wear your new coat. ________(7) there something wrong with it?

Jerry’s face turned red. “No!” he said. “Nothing’s wrong with it!” Then he covered his mouth with his hand.

“Well then…” said Jerry’s mom. “Why don’t you want to wear it?”

“Well, mom,” said Jerry. “I kind of…well…gave it away.”

“You what?” said Jerry’s mom. “You gave it away?”

“Yeah. But don’t worry. It ________(8) okay. I gave it to Marvin. And he really needs it.”

“Why?”

“Well, every time I see him, he looks cold. He ________(9) always cold, actually. His parents cannot afford to buy him a jacket.”

“Well, that ________(10) a very nice thing for you to do, dear. But now what_______(11) you going to do without a jacket?”

“I don’t know. Maybe I’ll wear my old jacket for a little while.”
Answer Key
Using the Verb "To be"
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