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## Exercise 1

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense.

**Example:** I (be) am nice.

**Example:** You / We / They (be) are nice.

**Example:** He / She / It (be) is nice.

1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ happy.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

2) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ funny.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

3) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sweet.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

4) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

5) He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ kind.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

6) She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

7) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cool.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

Practice writing sentences using the verb "to be" in simple present tense.

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## Exercise 2

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense.

**Example:** I (be) am nice.

**Example:** Jessica and Akbar (be) are nice.

**Example:** The new car (be) is nice.

1) The bag (be) \_\_\_\_\_ blue.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

2) The rocks (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hard.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

3) The children (be) \_\_\_\_\_ young.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

4) Thomas (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nice.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

5) The game (be) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

6) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

7) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years old.

- D. am
- E. are
- F. is

8) Susan and Juan (be) \_\_\_\_\_ married.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

9) Teddy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

10) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in English class.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. is

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## Exercise 3

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense.

**Example:** My teacher (be) is nice.

**Example:** The cat (be, not) is not hungry.

- 1) The old man (be) \_\_\_\_\_ wise.
- 2) The math test (be) \_\_\_\_\_ difficult. That's why I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ studying hard for it.
- 3) The workers (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired. They have been working for six hours.
- 4) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ happy. I (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ sad.
- 5) The racecar (be) \_\_\_\_\_ fast.
- 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.
- 11) Jaime and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ best friends.
- 12) Tommy, Steven, and Teddy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in the school play.
- 13) Beatrice (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at her house.
- 14) It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hot outside. It (be, not) is not cold.
- 15) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ finished with the quiz!

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## Exercise 4

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense.

**Example:** My teacher (be) is nice.

**Example:** The cat (be, not) is not hungry.

1) Thomas (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my little brother. He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nine years old.

2) Wait! We (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go.

3) Dixie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my favorite aunt. She always cooks me chicken and dumplings. She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ coming to visit soon.

4) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy. I think I will go to bed soon.

5) The school (be) \_\_\_\_\_ closed. It (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ open.

6) The bus (be) \_\_\_\_\_ broken down. It needs to be repaired.

7) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ lonely. Marcos (be) \_\_\_\_\_ lonely too. I think we should become friends!

8) Billy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ good at basketball. He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tall, quick, and athletic.

9) The weather (be) \_\_\_\_\_ cold today. I hope it gets warmer soon.

10) Jose and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in the same English class. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ fun!

Practice writing sentences using the verb "to be" in simple present tense.

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Exercise 5

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple past tense.

**Example:** You / We / They (be) were sick yesterday.

**Example:** I / He / She / It (be) was sick yesterday.

1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired yesterday.

- G. was
- H. 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 simple past tense.

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## Exercise 6

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple past tense.

**Example:** You / We / They (be) were sick last night.

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

1) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired last night.

- I. was
- J. were

2) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ happy last night.

- C. was
- D. were

3) Richard and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ excited last night.

- C. was
- D. were

4) Javier and Roberto (be) \_\_\_\_\_ lazy last night.

- C. was
- D. were

5) Julian (be) \_\_\_\_\_ angry yesterday.

- C. was
- D. were

6) Rachel (be) \_\_\_\_\_ sleepy yesterday.

- C. was
- D. were

7) The movie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ scary. I don't want to watch it again.

- C. was
- D. were

8) Ko, Teddy, and Peter (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired after the long drive.

- A. was
- B. were

9) Jonathan (be) \_\_\_\_\_ hungry. So, he ate a sandwich.

- A. was
- B. were

10) My mom (be) \_\_\_\_\_ helping the teacher at school yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were

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## Exercise 7

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple past tense.

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

**Example:** Carlos (be, not) was not at work yesterday.

1) The party (be) \_\_\_\_\_ fun last weekend.

2) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ were watching a movie when Ernesto called.

3) Jessie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired. So, he went to sleep.

4) When she was a little girl, Margo (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very good at tennis. She practiced a lot.

5) My friends and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ playing at the beach last weekend.

6) Kendra (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a girl with dark hair and brown eyes.

7) The movie (be) \_\_\_\_\_ really boring. So, I decided to read a book.

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) The car (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ new. In fact, it (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very old. Therefore, it didn't cost very much.

10) I (be, not) \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go. Please wait up for me!!!

Practice writing sentences using the verb "to be" in simple past tense.

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Exercise 8

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple past tense.

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

**Example:** Carlos (be, not) was not at work yesterday.

1) The book (be) \_\_\_\_\_ on the table yesterday. I don't know where it is now.

2) Mack, Jenny, and Javier (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at my house 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 sixth 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. Her family (be) \_\_\_\_\_ also nice. It is a shame they had to move away.

9) The cat (be) \_\_\_\_\_ faster than the mouse. So, the cat caught the mouse. Unlucky mouse!

10) The weather (be) \_\_\_\_\_ too hot. So, we decided not to go to the beach after all.



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## Exercise 9

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense or simple past tense.

**Example:** My dog (be) is sick today.

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

- 1) Sarah (be) \_\_\_\_\_ at the party last night. Li-Ning and Akmoud (be) \_\_\_\_\_ there too.
- 2) Avery (be) \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend. He and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in the same class.
- 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.

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## Exercise 10

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in simple present tense or simple past tense.

**Example:** My dog (be) is sick today.

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

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) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone going to the pool later?

4) The old house (be) \_\_\_\_\_ made of wood. It (be) \_\_\_\_\_ built in 1967.

5) Christopher, where (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you? Andrea told me you went to Guatemala. (be) \_\_\_\_\_ that true? When (be) \_\_\_\_\_ you coming back?

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

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

8) Who (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie?

9) It I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very tired. I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ tired yesterday too. I think I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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## Exercise 11

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in *present progressive tense*.

**Example:** The dog (be) is being sweet to me right now. It must want a treat.

**Example:** I (be) am being a ghost for Halloween!

**Example:** My James (be) is not being very nice this morning. I don't think he slept very well last night.

1) Earl (be) \_\_\_\_\_ weird today. He keeps making funny faces at me.

2) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ lazy today. I don't feel like doing any work.

3) My children (be) \_\_\_\_\_ bad. I am going to put them to sleep early.

4) My boss (be) \_\_\_\_\_ so rude today. First he told the receptionist that she needs a haircut. Then he told me to buy nicer clothes. I don't know what is wrong with him. He (be, not ) \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly.

5) Francisco and Anna (be) \_\_\_\_\_ funny right now. They keep telling me funny jokes.

6) My dog (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly today. He is running to all of my neighbor's houses to say hello. I hope he comes back soon!

7) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ safe at the party tonight. I am not drinking any alcohol, and I am not walking home alone.

8) They (be) \_\_\_\_\_ mean to us. They took our money and now they will not give it back. I am going to get help.

9) The computer isn't working properly. In fact, it (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a pain in the neck!

10) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nice to me. So, I will be nice to you.

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## Exercise 12

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in past progressive tense.

**Example:** My little brother (be) was being so silly last night.

**Example:** Mom, Freddy (be) is being mean to me! Make him stop!

- 1) Eli (be) \_\_\_\_\_ nice to me this morning. He opened the door for me and complimented my outfit.
- 2) My cat (be) \_\_\_\_\_ weird today. It ran onto the table and jumped out the window!
- 3) After work we (be) \_\_\_\_\_ lazy. We watched T.V. for three hours straight.
- 4) Last night my friends (be) \_\_\_\_\_ so funny. They were telling jokes and acting silly.
- 5) Erin (be) \_\_\_\_\_ mean to me yesterday. She was calling me bad names. I told her to stop.
- 6) Maria and Tommy (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very sweet to me last week. Maria gave me flowers on Monday and Tommy bought me a new pencil on Thursday.
- 7) Alisa (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very patient this morning. She had to wait two hours in line at the post office and she still didn't get upset.
- 8) This morning my little brother (be) \_\_\_\_\_ such a nuisance. He hid my car keys from me. When I asked him where they were he didn't tell me. Finally I found them and went to work. I was late.
- 9) My dad (be) \_\_\_\_\_ very generous yesterday. First he gave a homeless man ten dollars. Then he bought another man lunch.
- 10) I am so tired. Last night I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ naughty and stayed up until 2:00 in the morning!

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## Exercise 13

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in *future tense*.

**Note:** There are two ways to use the future tense with "to be."

1) You may use: [form of the to be][going to be]

**Example:** Pedro (be) is going to be in the school play this year.

**Example:** Sarah (be) was going to be in the school play this year, but she got sick and could not come to school.

2) You may use: [will][be]

**Example:** Dad and I will be at the show tonight. We will see you there!

\*For more on the difference between "going to" and "will," please refer to our worksheet titled, "Using going to and will."

1) He (be) \_\_\_\_\_ home for Christmas.

2) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ to the movie tonight.

3) Johanna and Edward (be) \_\_\_\_\_ having a baby!

4) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ staying home tonight.

5) Danny and Jessica (be) \_\_\_\_\_ traveling to India on May 11.

6) Steven (be) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-one years old tomorrow!

7) We are hungry. I hope (be) \_\_\_\_\_ eating dinner soon.

8) Nancy and I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ playing on the tennis team next season.

9) The pool (be) \_\_\_\_\_ open from 10:00 to 7:00 today.

10) I wonder who (be) \_\_\_\_\_ going to the dance tonight.

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## Exercise 14

### Using the Verb "To be"

Choose the correct form of the verb "To be" in past perfect, present perfect, or future perfect tense.

**Example:** My dog (be) has been sick for three days.

**Example:** We (be) have been very worried about him.

**Example:** Jimmie (be) had been late to class five times before he got a detention.

**Example:** Mark (be) will have been to Paris four times if he goes there again this summer.

- 1) She (be) \_\_\_\_\_ living in the United States for eight years.
- 2) I (be) \_\_\_\_\_ studying English for two hours.
- 3) Dr. Lambert (be) \_\_\_\_\_ a professor since he was thirty two years old.
- 4) Ricardo (be) \_\_\_\_\_ to the doctor for his check-up. He doesn't need to go again.
- 5) We (be) \_\_\_\_\_ swimming all day.
- 6) Mimi (be) \_\_\_\_\_ full of energy since she woke up this morning.
- 7) The CD player (be) \_\_\_\_\_ skipping since I bought it.
- 8) The magician (be) \_\_\_\_\_ under water for six minutes if she can hold her breath for thirty more seconds.
- 9) Before James moved away, he and Dahlia (be) \_\_\_\_\_ friends for ten years. Dahlia was very upset when he left, and she (be) \_\_\_\_\_ ever since.
- 10) Angel (be) \_\_\_\_\_ in math class for thirty minutes before he began to smell the smoke. When the fire trucks arrived, he knew he should evacuate the building.
- 11) You (be) \_\_\_\_\_ here since lunch time.
- 12) Richard and Michelle (be) \_\_\_\_\_ married for fifty years if they stay married for another three.

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## Final Review

### Using the Verb "To be"

Complete the story using the correct form of *the verb "to be."*

"Today \_\_\_\_\_ going to be very cold," said the weather man on the TV.  
"You need to wear very warm clothes."

He \_\_\_\_\_ talking in a very low voice. He \_\_\_\_\_ very serious. "You need to be careful out on the roads," he said. "Two car accidents \_\_\_\_\_ reported this morning."

Dr. Hayden turned off the T.V. He put on the warmest clothes he had. He put on a sweater, jacket, gloves, socks, boots, and a hat. Then, he went outside. It \_\_\_\_\_ snowing and the wind \_\_\_\_\_ blowing. "Wow, it \_\_\_\_\_ very cold outside," said Dr. Hayden. The weather man was right! He got into his car. He turned the key. The engine came to life. He turned up the heat. He \_\_\_\_\_ very cold.

There \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of traffic on the road. The cars \_\_\_\_\_ going slow. The doctor did not understand why everybody \_\_\_\_\_ going so slow. "Why \_\_\_\_\_ all the cars going so slow today?" he said. "They \_\_\_\_\_ going as fast as usual. Usually they go faster."

He began to think to himself, "Hmmm...If it takes me ten more minutes to get to get to work, then this \_\_\_\_\_ the longest drive to work I have ever taken!"

Finally, he saw why the cars \_\_\_\_\_ going so slow. They \_\_\_\_\_ going so slow because there \_\_\_\_\_ a car accident!

"Why did this accident happen?" Dr. James said. He drove closer to the accident. He looked out of his window.

"\_\_\_\_\_ everybody okay here?" he asked.

"Yes, we \_\_\_\_\_ okay. We had a small car accident, but we \_\_\_\_\_ okay," they said.

"What did you hit?" asked the doctor.

"A snowman!" they said.

