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Exercise 1

Using the Verb "To be"

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

He  Hadil	She  Alisa	It  Hammer	They  My family	We  Joe and Eric	I  Liz	You  Nikos and his cat
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Example: I (be) am happy.

- 1) I (be) _____ tired.
- 2) I (be) _____ hungry.
- 3) I (be) _____ late!

Example:

You / We / They (be) are happy.

- 7) You (be) _____ nice.
- 8) We (be) _____ sleepy.
- 9) They (be) _____ funny.

Example: He / She / It (be) is happy.

- 4) He (be) _____ cool.
- 5) She (be) _____ pretty.
- 6) It (be) _____ fast.

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.

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Exercise 2

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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.

1) The bag (be) _____ blue.

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

2) The rocks (be) _____ hard.

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

3) The children (be) _____ young.

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

4) Thomas (be) _____ nice.

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

5) The game (be) _____ difficult.

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

6) They (be) _____ tired.

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

7) I (be) _____ thirty years old.

- A. am
- B. are
- C. 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"

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.

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Exercise 4

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

My name (be) _____⁽¹⁾ John. I (be) _____⁽²⁾ fifteen years old. I live on a farm. It (be) _____⁽³⁾ in the country. It is quiet in the country. It (be, not) _____⁽⁴⁾ loud in the country.

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) _____⁽⁵⁾ 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) _____⁽⁶⁾ 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) _____⁽⁷⁾ 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) _____⁽⁸⁾ 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) _____⁽⁹⁾ pretty rough, especially when they (be) _____⁽¹⁰⁾ hungry.

The last thing I do (be) _____⁽¹¹⁾ feed the chickens. That (be) _____⁽¹²⁾ easy. I just throw some food down on the ground and they run out and eat it. While the chickens (be) _____⁽¹³⁾ eating, I go into their house to collect their eggs. Chicken eggs (be) _____⁽¹⁴⁾ really good to eat. They (be) _____⁽¹⁵⁾ easy to cook too. That is what I do in the mornings. I (be) _____⁽¹⁶⁾ pretty busy.

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Exercise 5

Using the Verb "To be"

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

Tess and Jen _____⁽¹⁾ best friends.

They do everything together. They spend every day together.

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

"Hey Jen," says Tess. "How _____⁽²⁾ you?"

"Hey girl," says Jen. "I _____⁽³⁾ doing fine. What _____⁽⁴⁾ going on? What _____⁽⁵⁾ you doing today?"

"Oh," says Tess, "I _____⁽⁶⁾ doing anything special. I don't have any plans."

"That _____⁽⁷⁾ 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."

"_____⁽⁸⁾ we eating dinner together?"

"No, that _____⁽⁹⁾ it."

"Okay. Are we going to the soccer game together?"

"No. It _____⁽¹⁰⁾ 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 _____⁽¹¹⁾ moving away."



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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) _____

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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.

1) I (be) _____ tired last night.

- F. was
- G. 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 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) _____

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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."

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Answer Key

Using the Verb "To be"

This is the answer key to Unit 1 - Using the verb "To Be."

Exercise 1

- 1) am 2) am 3) am 4) are 5) are 6) are 7) is 8) is 9) is 10) is 11) are 12) are
13) is 14) is 15) is 16) are 17) is 18) are 19) are 20) is 21) is

Exercise 2

- 1) c 2) b 3) b 4) c 5) c 6) b 7) a 8) b 9) c 10) b

Exercise 3

- 1) is 2) is 3) are, are not 4) am, am not 5) is, is not 6) is 7) am, is, is 8) are, is,
is 9) is 10) is 11) are, are 12) are 13) is 14) is, is not 15) are 16) is not, is

Exercise 4

- 1) is 2) am 3) is 4) is not 5) is 6) am 7) is 8) is not 9) be 10) are 11) is 12) is
13) are 14) are 15) are 16) am

Exercise 5

- 1) are 2) are 3) am 4) is 5) are 6) am not 7) is 8) Are 9) is not 10) are

Exercise 6

- 1) a 2) b 3) b 4) b 5) a 6) a 7) a

Exercise 7

- 1) a 2) b 3) b 4) b 5) a 6) a 7) a 8) b 9) a 10) a

Exercise 8

1) was 2) were, were not 3) was 4) was 5) were 6) was, were 7) was 8) was,
was 9) was not, was 10) were not

Exercise 9

1) was 2) were 3) was, was not, was not, was 4) was 5) were 6) was not, was
7) was, was 8) was 9) was 10) was, were

Exercise 10

1) was 2) were 3) Is 4) was 5) were, was 6) was 7) am, are 8) was 9) am,
was, am 10) was, was

Exercise 11

1) was, were 2) is, are 3) were, are 4) are, are 5) was, was, is not, is 6) was,
is 7) were, was 8) was, was, is 9) was, is, am 10) were, are

Exercise 12

1) am 2) is 3) is not 4) was 5) were 6) were 7) Is 8) is 9) is 10) was 11) are
