

Present of *Be*: Statements

EXERCISE 1 AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Complete the sentences with *am*, *is*, or *are*.

1. Taylor Swift _____ *is* _____ not from Brazil.
2. Lionel Messi _____ an Argentinean soccer player.
3. I _____ not a famous soccer player.
4. Soccer _____ popular in England.
5. Baseball and volleyball _____ sports.
6. Baseball _____ not the number one sport in Brazil.
7. Baseball players _____ from different countries.
8. Baseball _____ not my favorite sport.
9. Keira Knightley _____ not a soccer player.
10. I _____ a big soccer fan.

EXERCISE 2 SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Change the underlined words. Use *he*, *she*, *it*, *we*, or *they*.

Hello. I am Rocco. My last name is Marciano. My last name is an Italian name. My family and I are from Italy. Now, my family and I live here. Anna is my mother. My mother is from a village in Abruzzi. The village is very small. Silvano is my father. My father is from Naples. Naples is a big city in the south of Italy. I am from Naples, too.

My parents are in Italy now. My parents are on vacation. I am at home with my sisters. My sisters and I are not happy alone. My sisters are always angry with me. My brother is lucky. My brother is not at home. My brother is at college. The college is far away.

EXERCISE 3 AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Write true statements. Use words from columns A, B, and C in each sentence.

A	B	C
I		
My best friend		friendly successful
My mother	am	happy hardworking
My father	is	talented a student
My teacher	are	from _____ an athlete
My parents		smart funny
My classmates		busy rich

1. *I am a student.* _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

EXERCISE 4 NEGATIVE AND AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Make the following sentences true by using *not*. Then write another sentence with the words in parentheses.

1. Derek Jeter and Michael Phelps are singers. (athletes)

Derek Jeter and Michael Phelps are not singers. They are athletes.

2. Gwyneth Paltrow is a tennis player. (actress)

3. Michael Douglas is Catherine Zeta Jones's neighbor. (husband)

4. Chris Martin is an ice hockey player. (singer)

5. Dallas is a state. (city)

6. California is a country. (state)

7. Egypt and China are cities. (countries)

8. Boston and New York are in Canada. (the United States)

9. Ottawa is the capital of the United States. (Canada)

10. Mexico is in Central America. (North America)

EXERCISE 5 AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Complete the sentences. Use *is*, *is not*, *are*, or *are not*.

1. Apples _____ *are not* _____ black.

2. The Earth _____ round.

3. The sun _____ cold.

4. Cigarettes _____ good for you.

5. Lemons _____ yellow.

6. Cars _____ cheap.

7. Peter _____ a name.

8. An elephant _____ a small animal.

9. English, Spanish, and Arabic _____ languages.

10. The president of the United States _____ an astronaut.

EXERCISE 6 CONTRACTIONS OF AFFIRMATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Rewrite the conversations with full forms.

1. A: Mario's a good volleyball player. *Mario is a good volleyball player.*
B: Maria's good, too. *Maria is good, too.*
2. A: We're from New York.
B: I'm from New York, too.
3. A: I'm a big baseball fan.
B: I'm not.
4. A: Jessica's a very good soccer player.
B: She's a good student, too.
5. A: You're Mark, right?
B: No, I'm not Mark. I'm his brother, Mike.
6. A: Pedro's nineteen.
B: No, he's not. He's sixteen.
7. A: Basketball's a popular sport. Soccer's popular, too.
B: They're not popular in my country.

EXERCISE 7 CONTRACTIONS OF AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE STATEMENTS WITH *BE*

Rewrite the conversations with contractions.

1. A: Mario is a good volleyball player. *Mario's a good volleyball player.*
B: Maria is good, too. *Maria's good, too.*
2. A: Yung-Hee and Ali are not in class today.
B: They are at a game.
3. A: The teacher is not in class.
B: I know. She is sick.
4. A: Antonio is a student in your class.
B: His name is not on my list.

5. A: Melinda is successful. _____
B: She is pretty, too. _____
6. A: I am right. _____
B: No, you are not. You are wrong. _____
7. A: They are my books. _____
B: No, they are not. They are my books. _____

EXERCISE 8 EDITING

Correct the paragraph. There are seven mistakes. The first mistake is already corrected.
Find and correct six more.

My favorite sport ^{is} ~~are~~ baseball. It be popular in the United States. My favorite players are Felix Hernandez and Hanley Ramirez. Are baseball players in the United States. But they not from the United States. Felix Hernandez he is from Venezuela. Hanley Ramirez is no from Venezuela. He from the Dominican Republic.

EXERCISE 9 PERSONAL WRITING

Write sentences about your favorite sport, team, or player. Use the phrases from the box to help you.

My favorite sport / team / player is . . .
His / Her name is . . .
He / She / It is / isn't . . .
He's / She's from . . .
