Verb to be

The verb "**to be**" is one of the most important and commonly used verbs in the English language. It is a linking verb that serves to connect the subject of a sentence with its complement, which can be a noun, pronoun, or adjective. The verb "**to be**" is used to express various aspects, including **identity**, **existence**, **state of being**, and **possession**.

In its simplest form, "**to be**" has three primary present tense forms: "**am**" (used with the pronoun "**I**"), "**is**" (used with the pronouns "**he**," "**she**," "**it**," or a singular noun), and "**are**" (used with the pronouns "**you**," "**we**," "**they**," or **plural nouns**).

Here is a breakdown of the forms of the verb "**to be**":

Examples:

- I **am** a student.
- You **are** tall.
- She **is** my sister.
- We **are** friends.
- They **are** from Canada.

Singular:
- **I am**
- **You are**
- **He/She/It is**

Plural:
- **We are**
- **You are**
- **They are**

It's important to note that the verb "**to be**" is often contracted in spoken and informal writing.
For example, "**I am**" is commonly contracted to "**I'm**", "**you are**" is contracted to "**you're**.", "**he is"** is contracted to "**he's'** and "**they are"** is contracted as "**they're"**.

Examples:

- **I'm** a dentist.
- **They're** friends.
- **She's** worried about her exams.
- **You're** a great basketball player.



Verb to be exercise 1:

Choose the correct answer to complete the sentence.

1. I _____ a student.
a) is
b) am
c) are

2. She _____ a doctor.
a) are
b) is
c) am

3. They _____ students.
a) is
b) am
c) are

4. You _____ my best friend.
a) am
b) is
c) are

5. He _____ excited about the trip.
a) are
b) is
c) am

6.She _____ a talented musician.
a) are
b) is
c) am

7.The apples _____ delicious.
a) is
b) am
c) are

8.We _____ late for the meeting.
a) is
b) are
c) am

9.She _____ from Spain.
a) are
b) is
c) am

10. They _____ my siblings.
a) am
b) is
c) are

Verb to be exercise 2:

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verb 'to be' (am, is, are).

1. It _____ a beautiful day.

2. You _____ my best friend.

3. We _____ excited about the trip.

4. He _____ a teacher.

5. The book _____ on the table.

6. The cat _____ on the mat.

7. The flowers _____ beautiful.

8. The sky _____ clear today.

9. She _____ from Italy.

10. They _____ happy.

11. I _____ at home.

12. The movie _____ interesting.

13. The sky _____ blue.

14. We _____ ready to go.

15. You _____ my favorite person.

16. The dog _____ playful.

17. I _____ late for work.

18. They _____ in relationship.

19. I _____ hungry.

20. He _____ called Tom.



Verb to be: answer key

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Where two or more answers are given, any of them is correct.

Exercise 1

1. b) am
2. b) is
3. c) are
4. c) are
5. b) is
6. b) is
7. c) are
8. b) are
9. b) is
10. c) are

Exercise 2

1. is / 's
2. are / 're
3. are / 're
4. is / 's
5. is / 's
6. is / 's
7. are / 're
8. is / 's
9. is / 's
10. are / 're
11. am / 'm
12. is / 's
13. is / 's
14. are / 're
15. are / 're
16. is / 's
17. am / 'm
18. are / 're
19. am / 'm
20. is / 's

Corrections to the printed pages

Exercise 2, item 18 should read: They ___ in a relationship.