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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

### 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.

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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### Using the Verb "To be"

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

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

I wake up early. Sometimes, I wake up before the sun rises. Sometimes, it (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> 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) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> pretty rough, especially when they (be) \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> hungry.

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

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### Using the Verb "To be"

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

Tess and Jen \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> you?"

"Hey girl," says Jen. "I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> doing fine. What \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> going on? What \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> you doing today?"

"Oh," says Tess, "I \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> doing anything special. I don't have any plans."

"That \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> 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."

"\_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> we eating dinner together?"

"No, that \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> it."

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

"No. It \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(1)</sup> going outside," said Jerry.

"Wait!" said Jerry's mom.  
Don't forget to wear your jacket.

It \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(2)</sup> cold out there.

"But mom," said Jerry. "I don't want to wear it.  
I will be fine without it.

Besides, it \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(3)</sup> that cold today."



Jerry opened the door. The wind \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(4)</sup> blowing and the trees \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(5)</sup> shaking. Leaves \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(6)</sup> 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. \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(7)</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(8)</sup> okay. I gave it to Marvin. And he really needs it."

"Why?"

"Well, every time I see him, he looks cold. He \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(9)</sup> always cold, actually. His parents cannot afford to buy him a jacket."

"Well, that \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(10)</sup> a very nice thing for you to do, dear. But now what \_\_\_\_\_<sup>(11)</sup> 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

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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

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