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.

1) ____________________________________________

2) ____________________________________________

3) ____________________________________________
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
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!
## 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.

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<td><strong>1)</strong> Thomas (be) ________ my little brother. He (be) ________ nine years old.</td>
<td><strong>2)</strong> Wait! We (be, not) ________ ready to go.</td>
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<td><strong>3)</strong> Dixie (be) ________ my favorite aunt. She always cooks me chicken and dumplings. She (be) ________ coming to visit soon.</td>
<td><strong>4)</strong> I (be) ________ sleepy. I think I will go to bed soon.</td>
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<td><strong>5)</strong> The school (be) ________ closed. It (be, not) ________ open.</td>
<td><strong>6)</strong> The bus (be) ________ broken down. It needs to be repaired.</td>
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<td><strong>7)</strong> I (be) ________ lonely. Marcos (be) ________ lonely too. I think we should become friends!</td>
<td><strong>8)</strong> Billy (be) ________ good at basketball. He (be) ________ tall, quick, and athletic.</td>
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<td><strong>9)</strong> The weather (be) ________ cold today. I hope it gets warmer soon.</td>
<td><strong>10)</strong> Jose and I (be) ________ in the same English class. It (be) ________ fun!</td>
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Practice writing sentences using the verb “to be” in **simple present tense**.

1) __________________________

2) __________________________

3) __________________________
**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.

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<td>3) We (be) ________ sad yesterday.</td>
<td>4) They (be) ________ busy yesterday.</td>
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Practice writing sentences using the verb “to be” in *simple past tense*.

1) ________________________________________________

2) ________________________________________________

3) ________________________________________________
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.

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<td>3) Richard and I (be) _______ excited last night.</td>
<td>4) Javier and Roberto (be) _______ lazy last night.</td>
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<td>5) Julian (be) _______ angry yesterday.</td>
<td>6) Rachel (be) _______ sleepy yesterday.</td>
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<td>7) The movie (be) _______ scary. I don't want to watch it again.</td>
<td>8) Ko, Teddy, and Peter (be) _______ tired after the long drive.</td>
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<td>9) Jonathan (be) _______ hungry. So, he ate a sandwich.</td>
<td>10) My mom (be) _______ helping the teacher at school yesterday.</td>
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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.

1) __________________________________________

2) __________________________________________

3) __________________________________________
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.
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.
**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.
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.
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!
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.
**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.
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, "Hmm...If it takes me ten more minutes 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.