Exercise 1
Using the Verb "To be"

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

Example: I (be) **am** happy.

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

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.

Example:
You / We / They (be) **are** happy.

7) You (be) _____ nice.
8) We (be) _____ sleepy.
9) They (be) _____ funny.
Exercise 2
Using the Verb "To be"

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

Example: I (be) am excited.
Example: Jessica and Akbar (be) are excited.
Example: The new car (be) is excited.

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
Exercise 3
Using the Verb "To be"
Choose 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) ____ ____ 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) When I got home, my mother (be, not) ____ ____ there.
Exercise 4
Using the Verb "To be"

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

Example: My teacher (be) is nice.
Example: The cat (be, not) is not hungry.

1) Thomas (be) _______ my little brother. He (be) _______ nine years old.

2) Wait! We (be, not) _______ ready to go yet!

3) Dixie (be) _______ my favorite aunt. She always cooks me chicken and dumplings. She (be) _______ coming to visit soon.

4) I (be) _______ sleepy. I think I will go to bed soon.

5) The school (be) _______ closed. It (be, not) _______ open.

6) The bus (be) _______ broken down. It needs to be repaired.

7) I (be) _______ lonely. Marcos (be) _______ lonely too. I think we should become friends!

8) Billy (be) _______ good at basketball. He (be) _______ tall, quick, and athletic.

9) The weather (be) _______ cold today. I hope it gets warmer soon.

10) Jose and I (be) _______ in the same English class. It (be) _______ fun!

Practice writing sentences using the verb “to be” in present tense.

1) ________________________________________________________________
2) ________________________________________________________________
3) ________________________________________________________________
Review 1
Using the Verb "To be"
Complete the story using the correct form of the verb "to be" in present tense or past 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?”


“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.”