

# VERB TO BE: SER o ESTAR

(PRESENT SIMPLE)

## 1. STRUCTURE

**AFFIRMATIVE:**

I	am ('m)
He She It	is ('s)
We You They	are ('re)

**NEGATIVE:**

I	'm not (am not)
He She It	isn't (is not)
We You They	aren't (are not)

**INTERROGATIVE:**

<b>Wh-WORD:</b>	<b>am</b>	I ?
<b>What</b>	<b>is</b>	He ?
<b>Who</b>		She ?
<b>Which</b>		It ?
<b>When</b>	<b>are</b>	We ?
<b>Where</b>		You ?
<b>How...</b>		They ?

**SHORT ANSWERS:**

Yes, I	<b>am</b>	No, I	<b>am not</b>
Yes, he she it	<b>is</b>	No, he she it	<b>isn't</b>
Yes, we you they	<b>are</b>	No, we you they	<b>aren't</b>

## 2. USES

The verb **TO BE** is very important and is used :

### 1) To express **age**. (EDAD)

**How old are you?** ¿Cúantos años tienes?

I'm twelve years old. Tengo doce años

### 2) To express **how you feel**.

(ESTADOS O SENTIMIENTOS)

**How are you (today)?** ¿Cómo estás (hoy)?

I'm fine/ok/bad. Estoy bien/ mal

I'm happy/great/sad. Estoy feliz/ genial/triste

I'm angry/furious. Estoy enfada@/ furios@

I'm tired/bored. Estoy cansad@/ aburrid@

I'm hungry/thirsty. Tengo hambre/ sed

I'm sleepy/asleep. Tengo sueño/ Estoy dormi@

### 3) To **describe people and things**. (ser) (PARA DESCRIBIR A PERSONAS Y COSAS)

**What do you look like?** ¿Cómo eres físicamente?

I'm tall and thin. Soy alto y delgado

**What are you like?** ¿Cómo eres de personalidad?

I'm smart and hard-working. Soy inteligente y trabajador

### 4) To say **where something or someone is**. (estar) (PARA DECIR DÓNDE ESTÁ ALGO O ALGUIEN)

**Where is London?** ¿Dónde está Londres?

London is in England. Londres está en Inglaterra

### 5) To express **origin and occupation**. (ORIGEN Y OCUPACIÓN)

**Where are you from?** ¿De dónde eres?

I'm from Seville. Soy de Sevilla.

**What's your occupation?** ¿A qué te dedicas?

I'm a student Soy estudiante

**What's your mother's occupation?** ¿A qué se dedica tu madre?

She's a teacher.

Ella es profesora.

### 6) To give **prices**. (DAR PRECIOS)

**How much is it/ this mobile phone?** ¿Cuánto cuesta?

It is 200€.

Cuesta 200€

**How much are they/ these trousers?** ¿Cuánto cuestan?

They are 30€.

Cuestan 30€

### 7) To talk about the **weather**. (EL TIEMPO)

**What's the weather like today?** ¿Qué tiempo hace hoy?

It's (very) cold.

Hace (mucho) frío

It's (very) hot.

Hace (mucho) calor

I'm (very) cold.

Tengo (mucho) frío

I'm (very) hot.

Tengo(mucho) calor

It's { sunny Está soleado/Hace sol  
windy Hace viento  
cloudy Está nublado  
foggy Hace niebla  
rainy Está lluvioso  
snowy Hay nieve / Está nevoso

## THERE IS/ ARE (HAY)

	SINGULAR	PLURAL
+	<b>There is</b> (Hay)	<b>There are</b> (Hay)
-	<b>There isn't</b> (No hay)	<b>There aren't</b> (No hay)
?	<b>Is there?</b> ¿Hay?	<b>Are there?</b> ¿Hay?

## TO BE: ACTIVITIES

### 1. Write the full forms of the verb TO BE.

1. I'm Laura .....
2. He's my brother .....
3. She isn't at home. ....
4. It's your pen. ....
5. We aren't from Germany .....
6. They're friends. ....

### 2. Write sentences. Use the correct form of TO BE.

1. I/young  
.....
2. She / clever  
.....
3. You / not old  
.....
4. You / sleepy  
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5. We / not naughty  
.....
6. She / not short  
.....
7. It / rainy  
.....
8. They / unhappy  
.....
9. He / not hungry  
.....
10. They / tidy  
.....
11. He / handsome  
.....

### 3. Write AM, IS or ARE:

Hi! I ..... Peter and this .....  
Emma. She ..... my sister. We

..... brother and sister. I .....  
eleven and she ..... ten. We  
..... from Salford. Salford .....  
near Manchester. What ..... your  
name? Where ..... you from?

### 4. Re-arrange the sentence.

1. I / not / a teacher. / am  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. She / my mother. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The boys / playful. / are  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. The girl / in the room. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. We / not / are / at home.  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. My dad / smart. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. My mother / a housewife. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. She / not / my sister. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. The teacher / angry. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. The dog / in the kennel. / is  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Replace the subjects with personal pronouns HE, SHE, IT, WE, YOU, THEY.

- 1) **My mum** is a doctor. She is a doctor.
- 2) **Jake and Mike** are twins.
- 3) **Jake and I** are brothers.
- 4) **My car** is red.
- 5) **James** is a good student.
- 6) **Your sister and you** are intelligent.
- 7) **My dog** is very clever.

- 8) **Your shoes** are dirty.
- 9) **The cake** is yummy.
- 10) **Jane and her sister** are short.
- 11) **Your teacher** is nice.

### 6. Ask questions using the verb TO BE.

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I'm ten.  
.....  
She's from Scotland.  
.....  
My mum is at home.  
.....  
Her birthday is on 12<sup>th</sup> June.  
.....  
He's 23 years old.

### 7. Ask the questions and then answer them. Write short answers.

1. Mary / Scottish / girl / is / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No, \_\_\_\_\_
2. Carl and Sam / are / Australian / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_
3. are / student / good / a / you / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, \_\_\_\_\_
4. ball / green / your / is / ?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
No, \_\_\_\_\_