

The Verb To Be

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The verb **to be** is a very important verb in the English language because it helps us explain the condition or characteristics of people and things. In the study of grammar, we say that this verb shows **state of being**. This verb is usually seen as a linking verb, linking the subject of a sentence to an adjective or a noun. It is also used with gerunds to show action happening right now. This verb is very irregular. It is important to know its correct forms in the past, present, and future tenses. Let's take a look.



We **are** happy.
We **are** students.
We **were** studying.
We **are** dancing.

Person	Past	Present	Future
I	was	am	will be
You	were	are	will be
He/She/It	was	is	will be
We	were	are	will be
You (all)	were	are	will be
They	were	are	will be

Complete each sentence by writing the correct form of the verb *to be*.

- Our teacher, Mrs. Walker, _____ absent last Friday.
- Uncle Bob _____ not feeling well today.
- Scott and Matt _____ playing soccer tomorrow.
- I _____ happy today.
- You _____ my best friend!
- Last year you _____ in the hospital for an operation.
- The weather _____ rainy today.
- We _____ eating dinner last night when the doorbell rang.
- Aunt Virginia _____ my favorite aunt.
- They _____ visiting their grandma next month.