

## 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
<b>I</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>will be</b>
<b>You</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>will be</b>
<b>He/She/It</b>	<b>was</b>	<b>is</b>	<b>will be</b>
<b>We</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>will be</b>
<b>You (all)</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>will be</b>
<b>They</b>	<b>were</b>	<b>are</b>	<b>will be</b>

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

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