

1 My friends

The present simple (1): be

The present simple affirmative and negative: be



Affirmative

I am
you are
he is
she is
it is
we are
you are
they are

Short forms

I'm
you're
he's
she's
it's
we're
you're
they're

Negative

I am not
you are not
he is not
she is not
it is not
we are not
you are not
they are not

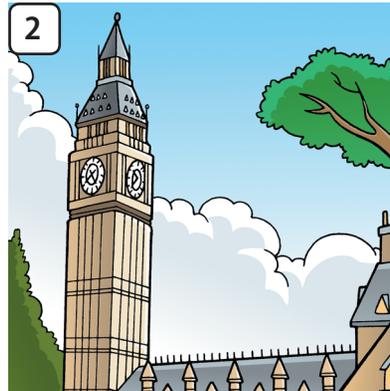
Short forms

I'm not
you aren't
he isn't
she isn't
it isn't
we aren't
you aren't
they aren't

1 Complete the sentences. Use short forms.



He s from Australia.



It _____ from the UK.



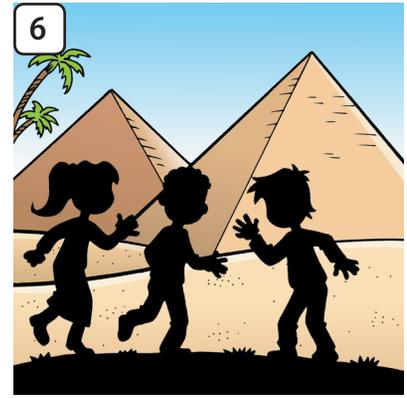
They _____ from Egypt.



4 She _____ from the USA.



8 I _____ seven.



6 You _____ from Egypt.



7 We _____ from Brazil.



8 You _____ eight.



9 He _____ one.

2 Write negative sentences.

1 Sally / from / the USA

Sally isn't from the USA.

2 you / ten

3 I / from / Australia

4 Mum and Dad / from / the UK

5 we / from / Brazil

6 Jack / five

The present simple questions and short answers: be



Questions	Short answers	
Am I?	Yes, I am .	No, I'm not .
Are you?	Yes, you are .	No, you aren't .
Is he?	Yes, he is .	No, he isn't .
Is she?	Yes, she is .	No, she isn't .
Is it?	Yes, it is .	No, it isn't .
Are we?	Yes, you are .	No, you aren't .
Are you?	Yes, we are .	No, we aren't .
Are they?	Yes, they are .	No, they aren't .



We often use question words such as **where**, **when**, **why**, **what**, **who** and **which** with **be** to find out information. We also use **how old**. The question word goes at the beginning of the sentence.

Where are you from? How old is she?

In questions, we can use short forms for the **he**, **she** or **it** form. We don't use short forms for the **I**, **you**, **we** or **they** forms.

Where's he from? He's from Egypt.

Where are they from? They're from Brazil.

3 Where are these children from? Write.



1 Is he from Russia? Yes, he is.



2 _____ from Egypt? _____



3 _____ from the USA? _____



4 _____ from Thailand? _____

4 Look at the table. Complete the sentences.

Name	Tony 	Jenny and George 	Miguel 	Kanya 	Rafa and Pedro 	Youssef 
Country	Australia	USA	Spain	Thailand	Brazil	Egypt

- Tony **'s** from Australia. **He's** from **Australia**.
- Jenny and George _____ from _____.
- _____ from Spain. _____ from _____.
- Kanya _____ from _____.
- _____ from Brazil. _____ from _____.
- Youssef _____ from _____.

5 Look at the table in exercise 4. Complete the questions and answers.

- Are** Jenny and George from Australia? **No, they aren't.**
- _____ Kanya from Thailand? _____
- _____ Tony from the USA? _____
- _____ Rafa and Pedro from Brazil? _____
- _____ Miguel from Spain? _____
- _____ Youssef from Thailand? _____

6 Read and complete the email using the correct form of **be**.

Hi James

How **1 are** you? I **2** _____ your new penfriend. My name **3** _____ Gary.

I live in Canada but I **4** _____ from Canada. I **5** _____ from Scotland.

Where **6** _____ you from? I've only got your email address. When **7** _____ your birthday? What **8** _____ your hobbies?

Please write soon!

Gary

1 Read the information. Complete the sentences.

Mr Taylor – 37

Carl – 11

- 1 Carl is younger than Mr Taylor.
- 2 Mr Taylor is older than Carl.

Bob and Tim – 9

Daisy – 8

- 3 Bob and Tim are _____ Daisy.
- 4 Daisy is _____ Bob and Tim.

Red car – 100 m in 9 seconds

Yellow car – 100 m in 10 seconds

- 5 The red car is _____ the yellow car.
- 6 The yellow car is _____ the red car.

2 Circle the correct past simple negative form of **be**.

- 1 Helen and Steffi **wasn't** / **weren't** happy.
- 2 We **wasn't** / **weren't** in the kitchen.
- 3 It **wasn't** / **weren't** cold yesterday.
- 4 Alex **wasn't** / **weren't** at the cinema.
- 5 Fred **wasn't** / **weren't** a policeman in the play.
- 6 They **wasn't** / **weren't** angry.

3 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of **be**. Use short forms where possible.

Tom: Hello. What **'s** (1) your name?

Rob: Hi. I _____ (2) Rob. Where _____ (3) you from? I don't think you _____ (4) English.

Tom: No, I _____ (5). I _____ (6) American.

Rob: _____ (7) you here with your family?

Tom: Yes. My cousins _____ (8) English.

Rob: _____ (9) they from London?

Tom: No, they _____ (10). They _____ (11) from Manchester. We _____ (12) here in London on holiday.

4 Complete the sentences with like + -ing. Use the affirmative, negative or question form of a verb from the box.

~~surf~~ fly climb play read skateboard

- 1 My Dad doesn't like surfing the Internet. (not)
- 2 Jane and Jenny _____ comics.
- 3 Gary _____ trees.
- 4 _____ you _____ kites?
- 5 You _____ chess. (not)
- 6 _____ you and Beth _____?

5 Permission or request? Write P or R.

- 1 Can you help me, please? _____
- 2 Can we go out to play? _____
- 3 Can I borrow your new CD? _____
- 4 Can you put the butter in the fridge? _____
- 5 Can we use the computer? _____
- 6 Can you take this letter to the post office? _____
- 7 Can I take a biscuit? _____
- 8 Can you stay for another five minutes? _____

6 Complete the sentences using your, our, or their.



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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Can I use <u>your</u> computer? | 2 Can we ride _____ bikes? |
| 3 Can we go to _____ house, please? | 4 Can I have _____ homework, please? |
| 5 Can he have dinner at _____ house? | 6 Can we be _____ friends? |

The past simple: regular verbs



Charlie, Molly and Harry **played** games at the party. They **didn't watch** TV.

Generally, we add **-ed** to the end of the base form to form the past simple of regular verbs.



Affirmative

I waited
you waited
he waited
she waited
it waited
we waited
you waited
they waited

Negative

I **did not** wait
you **did not** wait
he **did not** wait
she **did not** wait
it **did not** wait
we **did not** wait
you **did not** wait
they **did not** wait

Short forms

I **didn't** wait
you **didn't** wait
he **didn't** wait
she **didn't** wait
it **didn't** wait
we **didn't** wait
you **didn't** wait
they **didn't** wait

Look at this other rule:

Verb	Example	Add	Past simple
ends in -e	live	+ -d	lived

1 Write the past simple affirmative of these verbs.

- | | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1 watch <u>watched</u> | 2 live _____ |
| 3 love _____ | 4 cook _____ |
| 5 start _____ | 5 laugh _____ |
| 7 finish _____ | 6 listen _____ |
| 9 hate _____ | 10 work _____ |

2 Look at the picture. Complete these sentences about the party with a word from the box in the past simple.

~~play~~ listen cook laugh watch want

- 1 Charlie played the guitar.
- 2 Molly and her friends _____ to music.
- 3 Mrs Jones _____ party food.
- 4 Grandpa _____ a lot.
- 5 Mr Jones _____ TV.
- 6 Harry _____ a drink.



3 Make the sentences in exercise 2 negative.

- 1 Charlie didn't play the guitar.
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____

4 Complete Charlie's diary, using the past simple affirmative and negative of the verbs in brackets.

Sunday 11th May

Harry and I (1) washed
 (wash) Dad's car. Well,
 I (2) _____ (start)
 to wash it, but Harry
 (3) _____ (not want)
 to finish it, so we
 (4) _____ (watch)
 a film, but we
 (5) _____ (not like)
 it much.



Monday 12th May

At school today, we
 (6) watched (watch) a film
 about ancient Egypt. When
 it (7) _____ (finish),
 we (8) _____ (listen)
 to our teacher. It was really
 interesting! The ancient
 Egyptians (9) _____ (live)
 a long time ago. Everybody
 in the class (10) _____
 (work) very hard, and I
 (11) _____ (love) the
 lesson. After school, I
 (12) _____ (play) tennis
 with my friends. At home,
 Mum (13) _____ (cook)
 my dinner. I (14) _____
 (want) to stay up late but
 Mum said I had to go to bed
 early. I (15) _____ (hate)
 that!

5 Write complete sentences using the past simple.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1 finish my dinner / I / last night
_____</p> <p>3 not / listen to music / Billy
_____</p> <p>5 Polly and Mum / cook lunch
_____</p> | <p>2 want / I / to get up / early
_____</p> <p>4 the car / wash / we
_____</p> <p>6 Hassan / his teacher / helped
_____</p> |
|---|---|

Ago

We use **ago** to talk about a specific time in the past. This can be a recent time or further back in history.

two minutes ago

a month ago

a few years ago

many years ago

a long time ago

Charlie started school three years ago.



Harry started school a week ago.

6 Look at the information below. Write expressions using ago.

Now	Then	
1 the year 2008	the year 2005	<u>three years ago</u>
2 the year 2000	the year 1990	_____
3 10.30 in the morning	9.30 in the morning	_____
4 June	February	_____
5 midnight	11.59 at night	_____

7 Complete the sentences using the past simple and ago.

- Charlie / start school / three years
Charlie started school three years ago.
- Henry / play tennis / two days

- Steffi / finish her homework / two hours

- Dad / listen to a CD / a few minutes

- Kate / laugh at Kevin / a minute

- Mum and Dad / watch a DVD / a week

Grammar reference

Unit 1 The present simple: **be**

Affirmative	Short forms	Negative	Short forms	Questions	Short answers
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not	Am I?	Yes, I am . No, I'm not .
you are	you're	you are not	you aren't	Are you?	Yes, you are . No, you aren't .
he is	he's	he is not	he isn't	Is he?	Yes, he is . No, he isn't .
she is	she's	she is not	she isn't	Is she?	Yes, she is . No, she isn't .
it is	it's	it is not	it isn't	Is it?	Yes, it is . No, it isn't .
we are	we're	we are not	we aren't	Are we?	Yes, you are . No, you aren't .
you are	you're	you are not	you aren't	Are you?	Yes, we are . No, we aren't .
they are	they're	they are not	they aren't	Are they?	Yes, they are . No, they aren't .

Unit 2 The present simple: **like**

Affirmative	Negative	Questions	Short answers
I like	I don't like	Do I like?	Yes, I do . No, I don't .
you like	you don't like	Do you like?	Yes, you do . No, you don't .
he likes	he doesn't like	Does he like?	Yes, he does . No, he doesn't .
she likes	she doesn't like	Does she like?	Yes, she does . No, she doesn't .
it likes	it doesn't like	Does it like?	Yes, it does . No, it doesn't .
we like	we don't like	Do we like?	Yes, we do . No, we don't .
you like	you don't like	Do you like?	Yes, you do . No, you don't .
they like	they don't like	Do they like?	Yes, they do . No, they don't .

Units 4 – 5 The present simple: **have**

Affirmative	Short forms	Negative	Short forms
I have	I've	I do not have	I don't have
you have	you've	you do not have	you have
he has	he's	he does not have	he has
she has	she's	she does not have	she has
it has	it's	it does not have	it has
we have	we've	we do not have	we have
you have	you've	you do not have	you have
you have	they've	they do not have	you have

Questions	Short answers
Do I have?	Yes, I do . No, I don't .
Do you have?	Yes, you do . No, you don't .
Does he have?	Yes, he does . No, he doesn't .
Does she have?	Yes, she does . No, she doesn't .
Does it have?	Yes, it does . No, it doesn't .
Do we have?	Yes, we do . No, we don't .
Do you have?	Yes, you do . No, you don't .
Do you have?	Yes, they do . No, they don't .

Units 4 – 5 The present continuous

Affirmative

I **am** playing
you **are** playing
he **is** playing
she **is** playing
it **is** playing
we **are** playing
you **are** playing
they **are** playing

Short forms

I'**m** playing
you'**re** playing
he'**s** playing
she'**s** playing
it'**s** playing
we'**re** playing
you'**re** playing
they'**re** playing

Negative

I **am not** playing
you **are not** playing
he **is not** playing
she **is not** playing
it **is not** playing
we **are not** playing
you **are not** playing
they **are not** playing

Short forms

I'**m not** playing
you **aren't** playing
he **isn't** playing
she **isn't** playing
it **isn't** playing
we **aren't** playing
you **aren't** playing
they **aren't** playing

Questions

Am I playing?
Are you playing?
Is he playing?
Is she playing?
Is it playing?
Are we playing?
Are you playing?
Are they playing?

Short answers

Yes, I **am**. No, I'**m not**.
Yes, you **are**. No, you **aren't**.
Yes, he **is**. No, he **isn't**.
Yes, she **is**. No, she **isn't**.
Yes, it **is**. No, it **isn't**.
Yes, we **are**. No, we **aren't**.
Yes, you **are**. No, you **aren't**.
Yes, they **are**. No, they **aren't**.

Unit 12 The past simple: be

Affirmative

I **was**
you **were**
he **was**
she **was**
it **was**
we **were**
you **were**
they **were**

Negative

I **was not**
you **were not**
he **was not**
she **was not**
it **was not**
we **were not**
you **were not**
they **were not**

Short forms

I **wasn't**
you **weren't**
he **wasn't**
she **wasn't**
it **wasn't**
we **weren't**
you **weren't**
they **weren't**

Questions

Was I?
Were you?
Was he?
Was she?
Was it?
Were we?
Were you?
Were they?

Short answers

Yes, I **was**. No, I **wasn't**.
Yes, you **were**. No, you **weren't**.
Yes, he **was**. No, he **wasn't**.
Yes, she **was**. No, she **wasn't**.
Yes, it **was**. No, it **wasn't**.
Yes, we **were**. No, we **weren't**.
Yes, you **were**. No, you **weren't**.
Yes, they **were**. No, they **weren't**.

Unit 12 The past simple: had

Affirmative	Short forms	Negative	Short forms
I had	I'd	I did not have	I didn't have
you had	you'd	you did not have	you didn't have
he had	he'd	he did not have	you didn't have
she had	she'd	she did not have	she didn't have
it had	it'd	it did not have	it didn't have
we had	we'd	we did not have	we didn't have
you had	you'd	you did not have	you didn't have
they had	they'd	they did not have	they didn't have

Questions

Did I have?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
Did you have?	Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Did he have?	Yes, he did .	No, he didn't .
Did she have?	Yes, she did .	No, she didn't .
Did it have?	Yes, it did .	No, it didn't .
Did we have?	Yes, we did .	No, we didn't .
Did you have?	Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Did they have?	Yes, they did .	No, they didn't .

Short answers

Unit 13 The past simple: regular verbs

Affirmative	Negative	Short forms
I waited	I did not wait	I didn't wait
you waited	you did not wait	you didn't wait
he waited	he did not wait	he didn't wait
she waited	she did not wait	she didn't wait
it waited	it did not wait	it didn't wait
we waited	we did not wait	we didn't wait
you waited	you did not wait	you didn't wait
they waited	they did not wait	they didn't wait

Unit 14 The past simple: regular verbs

Questions	Short answers	
Did I learn?	Yes, I did .	No, I didn't .
Did you learn?	Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Did he learn?	Yes, he did .	No, he didn't .
Did she learn?	Yes, she did .	No, she didn't .
Did it learn?	Yes, it did .	No, it didn't .
Did we learn?	Yes, we did .	No, we didn't .
Did you learn?	Yes, you did .	No, you didn't .
Did they learn?	Yes, they did .	No, they didn't .