

## English Grammar Practice Test **with key**

### The Verb *To Be* (Am/Are/Is)

Level A1-A2

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#### Introduction and Imprint

The test comes in two variants, each of which is provided with key and a point-based marking scheme. The content corresponds to the A1 - A2 language proficiency level according to the CEFR.

The test is meant for English as a foreign language learners. It can be used for testing and as consolidation material.

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**The Verb To Be (Am / Are / Is)**

**Variant 1**

**1. Write *am / is / are* where necessary.**

- 1. he \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. we \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. I \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. that \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. they \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. she \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. it \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. you \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. there \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. there \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark: \_\_\_ / 10**

**2. Write the short form.**

*Example: you are - you're*

- 1. I am not - \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. she is not - \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. that is - \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. it is not - \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. they are - \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. you are not - \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. he is not - \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. we are - \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. she is - \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. they are not - \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark: \_\_\_ / 10**

3. Complete the sentences with **am / is / are** or their short forms where possible.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ a cleaner. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ a journalist.
- \_\_\_\_\_ she scared? The bus is driving very fast.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ a sunny day. \_\_\_\_\_ you interested in playing basketball outside?
- My sister and I \_\_\_\_\_ bad cooks, but we \_\_\_\_\_ good at making cold drinks.
- Tom \_\_\_\_\_ at work. His parents \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

- There \_\_\_\_\_ a big chair in the room. You can sit on it.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ at the shop now. Can you call me later, please?
- \_\_\_\_\_ your dog and cat happy? They are both looking at the fridge.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ a nice table near the front. Let's go for a drink.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ two small desks in the garden. They are full of gardening tools.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 14

4. Choose the correct item.

- My favourite colour is / is not black. It is yellow.
- John and Tom is / are interested in sports. They like playing tennis and football.
- Those isn't / aren't my shoes. They belong to my friend.
- Is / Are not she from Scotland? She speaks with a strong accent.
- I am not late. I am / am not right on time. The lesson is about to start.

- There isn't / are some people? They look pretty young.
- We are / aren't neighbours. We live in different areas.
- David and I are / are thirty. Is / are there any dogs now?
- The game is / are 1-0. They is / are rather expensive.
- That is / are water now. Let's go for a drink.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 12

5. Complete the questions and negative sentences using **am / are / is** or their short forms where possible.

- \_\_\_\_\_ you a good dancer?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ tired. I am full of energy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Catherine and your mother interested in reading?
- What \_\_\_\_\_ your name?
- These bags \_\_\_\_\_ heavy. They are light.

- There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher? The books rather old.

- \_\_\_\_\_ your dog aggressive?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ from Brazil. We're from Argentina.
- There \_\_\_\_\_ my high chair based in the room.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they polite during the lesson?

Mark: \_\_\_ / 10

6. Complete the sentences with **am / are / is** or their short forms. Write negative forms where necessary.

My name 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Kate. I 2) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty-two years old. I am a journalist. I live and work in London. My family 3) \_\_\_\_\_ very big. I have got my parents and only one sister. My parents 4) \_\_\_\_\_ divorce, and my sister 5) \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher. My parents 6) \_\_\_\_\_ they were old, and my sister 7) \_\_\_\_\_ married. They live and work in a small town, so their 8) \_\_\_\_\_ They have got a dog because their 9) 10) \_\_\_\_\_ very comfortable, but it is cheap. They 11) \_\_\_\_\_ happen there. My family will 12) 13) \_\_\_\_\_ quite close. We 14) \_\_\_\_\_ often in touch.

Mark: \_\_\_ / 11

Total: \_\_\_ / 67

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**Variant 1. Key**

1.

1. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular*)
2. **are / 're** (*First-person plural*)
3. **am / 'm** (*First-person singular*)
4. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular*)
5. **are / 're** (*Third-person plural*)

6. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular negative*)
7. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular*)
8. **aren't / 're** (*Second-person singular or plural*)
9. **aren't / 're** (*Third-person plural*)
10. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular or plural*)

2.

1. **I'm not**
2. **she's not / isn't**
3. **that's**
4. **it's not / it isn't**
5. **they're**

6. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular negative*)
7. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular*)
8. **aren't**
9. **isn't**
10. **aren't / 're** (*Third-person singular or plural*)

3.

1. **am / 'm; is** (*First-person singular affirmative; Third-person singular affirmative*)
2. **Is** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
3. **is / 's; Are** (*Third-person singular affirmative; Second-person singular interrogative*)
4. **are; are / 're** (*First-person plural affirmative; First-person plural affirmative*)
5. **is; are** (*Third-person singular affirmative; Third-person plural affirmative*)

6. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
7. **aren't / 're** (*First-person singular affirmative*)

8. **Are** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)
9. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
10. **aren't / 're** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)

4.

1. **is not** (*Third-person singular negative*)
2. **are** (*Third-person plural*)
3. **aren't** (*Third-person plural*)
4. **Is** (*Third-person singular affirmative question*)
5. **am** (*First-person singular affirmative*)

6. **am** (*First-person plural*)
7. **aren't** (*First-person plural negative*)
8. **are / 're** (*Third-person plural; Third-person singular*)
9. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular; Third-person plural*)
10. **'s** (*Third-person singular*)

5.

1. **Are** (*Second-person singular interrogative*)
2. **am not / 'm not** (*First-person singular negative*)
3. **Are** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)
4. **is / 's** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
5. **are not / aren't** (*Third-person plural negative*)

6. **is** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
7. **is** (*Third-person singular interrogative*)
8. **aren't / 're** (*Third-person singular negative*)
9. **isn't / 's** (*Third-person singular negative*)
10. **Are** (*Third-person plural interrogative*)

6.

1. **is** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
2. **am / 'm** (*First-person singular affirmative*)
3. **is not / 's not / isn't** (*Third-person singular negative*)

4. **am** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
5. **is** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
6. **am** (*Third-person plural affirmative*)
7. **is** (*Third-person singular affirmative*)
8. **aren't / 're** (*Third-person singular negative*)