**Notes from the verb to be in simple present**

The verb ***to be*** is the most important verb in the English language.

#### **Affirmative forms of the verb to be**

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| **Subject Pronouns** | **Full Form** | **Contracted Form** |
| I | am | 'm |
| you | are | 're |
| he/she/it | is | 's |
| we | are | 're |
| you | are | 're |
| they | are | 're |

#### **Negative Forms of the verb to be:**

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| **Subject Pronouns** | **Full Form** | **Contracted Form** |
| I | am not | 'm not |
| you | Are not  ‘re not | aren't |
| he/she/it | is not  ‘s not | isn't |
| we | are not  ‘re not | aren't |
| you | are not  ‘re not | aren't |
| they | are not  ‘re not | aren't |

#### **Interrogative forms of the verb to be:**

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| Am | I? |
| Are | you? |
| Is | he/she/it? |
| Are | we? |
| Are | you? |
| Are | they? |

**Formulas:**

**(+)** S+ Verb to be + Complement

He is a doctor.

**(-)** S+ Verb to be in negative + Complement

We aren’t actors.

**(?) Yes/No** Verb to be + S + C + ?

Is he a doctor?

\***(?) Information** WH + Verb to be +S + C + ?

\* What- Things

Who- People

Where- Places

Why- Reasons

When- Time

What time- Specific time

What day- Specific day

Which- options

How- Circumstances

How long- periods/ length of time

How many- Quantities (countable nouns)

How much- quantities (non count nouns)

What for = purpose

**Examples**:

* **Is** Brad Pitt French?
* No, he **isn't**. He**'s** American.
* What about Angelina Joli? **Is** she American, too?
* Yes, she **is**. She **is** American.
* **Are** brad Pitt and Angelina Joli French?
* No, They **aren't**. They **are** American.