

will be



Mastering the 'Be' Verb

Your Guide to Describing States of Being
in the Past, Present, and Future.

**was
were**



**am
is
are**



What is a 'Be' Verb?

'Be' verbs show a **state of being**. They don't show action; they tell us what someone or something **is, was, or will be**.



WAS



IS



WILL BE

Our Journey Through Time

We will explore 'Be' verbs in three simple steps, following the natural flow of time.



Part 2: The Past (Before)
Lato Regular

Part 1: The Present (Now)
Lato Regular

Part 3: The Future (After)
Lato Regular

Part 1: The Present (Now)

Let's start with what's happening right now.
We use three 'Be' verbs for the present tense: **am**, **is**, **are**.



Part 1: The Present (Now)

The Rule for "I" in Poppins Bold

Subject



Be Verb

am



I **am** a teacher.

The Rule for "He," "She," and "It"

Subject
Lato Regular



He / She / It

Be Verb
Lato Regular

is

Example Box



She **is** my friend.

The Rule for "You," "We," and "They"

Subject
Lato Regular



You / We / They

Be Verb
Lato Regular

are

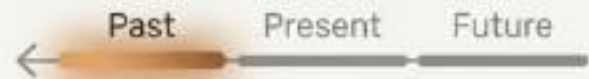
Example Box



They **are** happy.

Part 2: The Past (Before Now)

Now, let's look back. To talk about something that already happened, we use two "Be" verbs: **was** and **were**.



The Rule for Singular Subjects

Subject



I / He / She / It

Be Verb

was

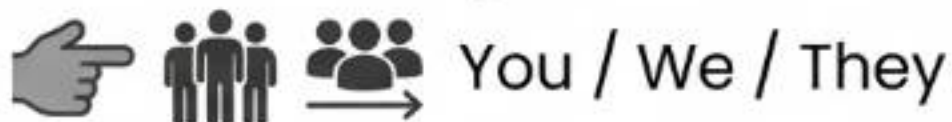
Example Box



I **was** tired.

The Rule for Plural Subjects

Subject



Be Verb

were



They **were** at school.



Master Tip

A simple trick: Use **was** for one person or thing. Use **were** for more than one (and always with 'you').



Part 3: The Future (After Now)

The future is the simplest of all.
There is only one 'Be' verb for
every subject: **will be.**



The One Rule for the Future

Subject

All Subjects (I / You / He / She / It / We / They)

Be Verb

will be



I **will be** a doctor.



They **will be** there.



Master Tip

Will be is the same for all subjects. Use it for any future plans or situations.

The Full Story: A Sentence Through Time



Your 'Be' Verb Memory Map

Before (Past)

was

I / He / She / It

I 
He 
She 
It 

were

You / We / They

You 
We 
They 

Now (Present)

am

I 

is

He / She / It

He 
She 
It 

are

You / We / They

You 
We 
They 

After (Future)

will be

All Subjects

