

# **RSpec Quick Reference**

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## **Object identity**

expect(actual).to be(expected) # passes if actual.equal?(expected)

## **Object equivalence**

expect(actual).to eq(expected) # passes if actual == expected

## **Optional APIs for identity/equivalence**

expect(actual).to eql(expected) # passes if actual.eql?(expected)
expect(actual).to equal(expected) # passes if actual.equal?(expected)

## **Comparisons**

```
expect(actual).to be > expected
expect(actual).to be >= expected
expect(actual).to be <= expected
expect(actual).to be < expected
expect(actual).to be_between(minimum, maximum).inclusive
expect(actual).to be_between(minimum, maximum).exclusive
expect(actual).to match(/expression/)
expect(actual).to be_within(delta).of(expected)
expect(actual).to start_with expected
expect(actual).to end_with expected</pre>
```

## Types/classes/response

```
expect(actual).to be_instance_of(expected)
expect(actual).to be_kind_of(expected)
expect(actual).to respond_to(expected)
```

### Truthiness and existentialism

```
expect(actual).to be_truthy  # passes if actual is truthy (not nil or false)
expect(actual).to be true  # passes if actual == true
expect(actual).to be_falsey  # passes if actual is falsy (nil or false)
expect(actual).to be false  # passes if actual == false
expect(actual).to be_nil  # passes if actual is nil
expect(actual).to exist  # passes if actual.exist? and/or actual.exists? are truthy
expect(actual).to exist(*args)  # passes if actual.exist?(*args) and/or actual.exists?(*args) are truthy
```

## **Expecting errors**

```
expect { ... }.to raise_error
expect { ... }.to raise_error(ErrorClass)
expect { ... }.to raise_error("message")
expect { ... }.to raise_error(ErrorClass, "message")
```

## **Expecting throws**

```
expect { ... }.to throw_symbol
expect { ... }.to throw_symbol(:symbol)
expect { ... }.to throw_symbol(:symbol, 'value')
```

#### **Predicate matchers**

```
expect(actual).to be_xxx  # passes if actual.xxx?
expect(actual).to have_xxx(:arg) # passes if actual.has_xxx?(:arg)

Examples
expect([]).to be_empty
expect(:a => 1).to have_key(:a)
```

## **Collection membership**

```
expect(actual).to include(expected)
expect(array).to match_array(expected_array)
# ...which is the same as:
expect(array).to contain_exactly(individual, elements)
```

#### **Examples**

```
\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{expect}([1,2,3]).\text{to} & \operatorname{include}(1) \\ \operatorname{expect}([1,2,3]).\text{to} & \operatorname{include}(1,2) \\ \operatorname{expect}(:a \Longrightarrow \text{b'}).\text{to} & \operatorname{include}(:a \Longrightarrow \text{b'}) \\ \operatorname{expect}("\text{this string"}).\text{to} & \operatorname{include}("\text{is str"}) \\ \operatorname{expect}([1,2,3]).\text{to} & \operatorname{contain\_exactly}(2,1,3) \\ \operatorname{expect}([1,2,3]).\text{to} & \operatorname{match\_array}([3,2,1]) \end{array}
```