

# **EXERCISES for CHAPTER 1. THE SIMPLE PRESENT OF THE VERB TO BE**

1. Change the following pairs of words into sentences, using the correct forms of the Simple Present of the verb **to be**. For example:

I, cautious  
I am cautious.

they, friendly  
They are friendly.

1. you, careful
2. it, warm
3. he, here
4. we, bold
5. they, careless
6. she, clever
7. we, ready
8. you, reckless
9. I, shy
10. they, polite

[Answers](#)

2. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into questions. For example:

I am cautious.  
Am I cautious?

They are friendly.  
Are they friendly?

[Answers](#)

3. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative statements. For example:

I am cautious.  
I am not cautious.

They are friendly.  
They are not friendly.

[Answers](#)

4. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative questions. Except where the subject of the verb is **I**, write both the form without contractions and the form with contractions. For example:

I am cautious.  
Am I not cautious?

They are friendly.

Are they not friendly?  
Aren't they friendly?

[Answers](#)

5. Add negative tag questions to the ends of the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1. Except where the subject of the verb is **I**, use contractions for the tag questions.  
For example:

I am cautious.  
I am cautious, am I not?

They are friendly.  
They are friendly, aren't they?

[Answers](#)

6. Using the Simple Present of the verb **to be**, and making sure that the word order is correct, form the following groups of words into grammatically correct statements or questions. If the symbol **?** is present, form the words into a question. If the word **not** is present, form the words into a negative statement or negative question. Do not use contractions in this exercise.  
For example:

it, brown  
It is brown.

you, ?, excited  
Are you excited?

I, satisfied, not  
I am not satisfied.

not, ?, they, ready  
Are they not ready?

1. you, ?, hungry
2. we, ?, not, correct
3. he, ?, happy
4. not, ?, it, cold
5. she, here
6. I, early, ?
7. they, wrong, not
8. you, ?, comfortable
9. they, ?, not, strong
10. not, ?, I, fortunate
11. it, slippery, ?
12. not, you, late
13. it, not, ?, important
14. we, famous
15. they, present, ?

[Answers](#)















4. Each of the following sentences is preceded by a bare infinitive, the most heavily stressed syllable of which is underlined. Paying attention to whether or not the final consonant should be doubled before **ing** is added, fill in the blanks with the present participles corresponding to the bare infinitives. Use the American spelling for verbs ending in **I**. For example:

whisper: They are \_\_\_\_\_ to their friends.

They are whispering to their friends.

refer: I was \_\_\_\_\_ to your letter.

I was referring to your letter.

1. open: I am \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
2. display: She is \_\_\_\_\_ her talents.
3. submit: He is \_\_\_\_\_ his report tomorrow.
4. limit: The store is \_\_\_\_\_ the number of items on sale.
5. permit: We are not \_\_\_\_\_ him to go.
6. sharpen: They are \_\_\_\_\_ the pencils.
7. confer: She is \_\_\_\_\_ with her colleagues.
8. focus: He is \_\_\_\_\_ the camera.
9. repel: They are \_\_\_\_\_ the attack.
10. shovel: I am \_\_\_\_\_ the steps.
11. destroy: Hail is \_\_\_\_\_ the crops.
12. dispel: They are \_\_\_\_\_ our doubts.
13. squander: He is \_\_\_\_\_ his money.
14. prefer: We are \_\_\_\_\_ our new school to the old one.
15. color: The child is \_\_\_\_\_ the picture.
16. unravel: We are \_\_\_\_\_ the wool.
17. propel: Jet engines are \_\_\_\_\_ the plane.
18. flower: The pansies are \_\_\_\_\_.
19. infer: They are \_\_\_\_\_ that we do not want to come.
20. listen: The children are \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

#### Answers

5. Change the following affirmative statements into questions. For example:

It is snowing.

Is it snowing?

They are being cautious.

Are they being cautious?

1. I am learning English.
2. You are carrying a parcel.
3. It is growing colder.
4. We are living in Halifax.
5. They are running a race.
6. He is drinking coffee.
7. She is shopping for presents.
8. I am cleaning the window.



6. They \_\_\_\_\_ to Mexico every year. (to travel)
7. Just now we \_\_\_\_\_ the shopping. (to do)
8. She always \_\_\_\_\_ correctly. (to answer)
9. You \_\_\_\_\_ never late. (to be)
10. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ to the radio. (to listen)
11. Each Sunday, we \_\_\_\_\_ the flea market. (to visit)
12. At present, I \_\_\_\_\_ for work. (to look)

[Answers](#)

## **ANSWERS for CHAPTER 3. THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

Answers to [Exercise 1](#):

1. am answering
2. are wearing
3. are looking
4. is calling
5. is building
6. are cooking
7. are telling
8. are waiting
9. am reading
10. are picking

Answers to [Exercise 2](#):

1. is writing
2. are worrying
3. is making
4. is dying
5. are hurrying
6. is daring
7. are lying
8. is solving
9. am leaving
10. are trying

Answers to [Exercise 3](#):

1. am cutting
2. is floating
3. are winning
4. are wrapping
5. is growing
6. is looking
7. am knitting
8. are sawing
9. is cleaning
10. are scrubbing
11. am fixing
12. is sipping
13. are trimming
14. are feeding
15. is nodding

Answers to [Exercise 4](#):

1. opening
2. displaying
3. submitting
4. limiting
5. permitting
6. sharpening
7. conferring
8. focusing
9. repelling
10. shoveling
11. destroying
12. dispelling
13. squandering
14. preferring
15. coloring
16. unraveling
17. propelling
18. flowering
19. inferring
20. listening

Answers to [Exercise 5](#):

1. Am I learning English?
2. Are you carrying a parcel?
3. Is it growing colder?
4. Are we living in Halifax?
5. Are they running a race?
6. Is he drinking coffee?
7. Is she shopping for presents?
8. Am I cleaning the window?
9. Are we buying pencils?
10. Are they playing football?

Answers to [Exercise 6](#):

1. I am not learning English.
2. You are not carrying a parcel.
3. It is not growing colder.
4. We are not living in Halifax.
5. They are not running a race.
6. He is not drinking coffee.
7. She is not shopping for presents.
8. I am not cleaning the window.
9. We are not buying pencils.
10. They are not playing football.













































































































