

TO BE

"**To be**" is a key verb in English, and it is used for expressing identity, state, or characteristics. It includes the forms "am," "is," "are" for present tense, "was" and "were" for past tense, and "will be" for future tense.

Here's how it works:

Present Tense:

- **I am:** Used for the first person singular.
- **He/She/It is:** Used for the third person singular.
- **We/You/They are:** Used for all plural forms and the second person singular.

Examples:

- I **am** a student.
- She **is** a doctor.
- They **are** friends.

Negative Sentences:

- For negative sentences, "not" is added after "am," "is," or "are" to form "am not" (amn't or ain't), "is not" (isn't), or "are not" (aren't).

Examples:

- I **am not** hungry. (or I ain't hungry.)
- She **isn't** at home.
- They **aren't** ready.

Questions:

- To form questions with "To be," invert the word order and start the sentence with the appropriate form of "To be."

Examples:

- **Am I** late?
- **Is she** your sister?
- **Are they** students?

Summary Chart:

Subject	Present Tense	Negative	Questions
I	am	am not (ain't)	Am I
He/She/It	is	is not (isn't)	Is he/she/it
We/You/They	are	are not (aren't)	Are we/you/they