

A1

TENSES

≈ 27 MIN

Be in the Present — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the three forms in, brick by brick. New examples, same system: am, is, are.

The subject picks the form: I → **am** · he/she/it → **is** · you/we/they → **are**

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YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

2 · FILL-IN

3 · CORRECT

4 · WRITE

BRICK 1 · SORT BY SUBJECT · APPROX. 4 MIN

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Read each subject quietly and swap it for a pronoun in your head: he/she/it → write it with **is** in the left column. you/we/they → with **are** in the right column. Careful: "you" goes right even for just one person!

my colleague

the sales team

our new client

the printer on floor two

your supervisor

my colleagues

the invoices

our partners in Madrid

you

the two assistants

IS + SINGULAR	ARE + PLURAL & YOU

BRICK 2 · FILL IN AM, IS OR ARE · APPROX. 6 MIN

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Fill in the right form of **be**: **am, is, are** — once also a negative. Find the subject first, then write. In questions the form comes first.

- 01 I _____ responsible for the new client project.
- 02 The finance department _____ on the third floor.
- 03 _____ you ready for the client call this afternoon?
- 04 My colleagues _____ busy with the client workshop today.
- 05 Mark _____ at his desk right now — he is in the canteen.
- 06 I _____ not sure about the deadline on Friday.
- 07 The meeting room _____ free after three o'clock.
- 08 Our partners from Madrid _____ here for the workshop all week.

YOUR BUILD

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence hides exactly one mistake around **be** — wrong form, a stray "do", or a German trap. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 I am agree with your proposal.

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02 You have right about the budget numbers.

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03 Do you are happy with the new supplier?

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04 The new laptops is on my desk.

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05 I am work on the Keller project.

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06 I'm graphic designer at a logistics firm.

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BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt. For every form of **be**, check: does it match the subject? And remember: questions and negatives work without "do".

01 Your introduction: "I'm ... and I'm a/an ..." — your name and your job.

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02 Your team: "My colleagues are ..." — one sentence about the people you work with.

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03 Your availability: "I'm ... until ..." — where you are right now and until when.

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04 A question for a colleague: "Are you ...?" — ask if they are around this afternoon.

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MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I pick the form from the subject: I → am, he/she/it and singular nouns → is, you/we/they and plural nouns → are.
- ☐ I speak with contractions: "I'm", "he's", "we're" are my normal forms.
- ☐ I build questions and negatives without "do": "Are you ...?", "She isn't ...", "I'm not ...".
- ☐ I know the German traps: "I agree" not "I am agree", "You're right" not "You have right".

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.



Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| <p>01 my colleague is
<i>One person — mentally "she", so is.</i></p> <p>02 the sales team is
<i>Collective noun — at A1, singular with is is always safe.</i></p> <p>03 our new client is
<i>One client, one person — singular takes is.</i></p> <p>04 the printer on floor two is
<i>A singular thing — like "it".</i></p> <p>05 your supervisor is
<i>The subject is "supervisor" — singular, whatever stands before it.</i></p> | <p>06 my colleagues are
<i>Several people — plural takes are.</i></p> <p>07 the invoices are
<i>Plural — mentally "they".</i></p> <p>08 our partners in Madrid are
<i>"Partners" is plural — the "in Madrid" addition changes nothing.</i></p> <p>09 you are
<i>"You" always takes are — even for just one person.</i></p> <p>10 the two assistants are
<i>Two people — plural takes are.</i></p> |
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BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| <p>01 I am responsible
<i>"I" always takes am — spoken "I'm".</i></p> <p>02 The finance department is
<i>Singular subject — like "it".</i></p> <p>03 Are you ready
<i>Question by inversion: are comes before the subject — no do.</i></p> <p>04 My colleagues are busy
<i>Plural subject takes are.</i></p> | <p>05 Mark isn't at his desk
<i>Negative with be: not straight after is — the second clause forces it.</i></p> <p>06 I am not sure
<i>"I am not" contracts to "I'm not" — there is no "amn't".</i></p> <p>07 The meeting room is free
<i>Singular — "the room" is like "it".</i></p> <p>08 Our partners from Madrid are here
<i>Plural subject takes are.</i></p> |
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BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| <p>01 I agree with your proposal.
<i>"Agree" is a full verb in English — no be before it.</i></p> <p>02 You're right about the budget numbers.
<i>German "has" right — English is right: with be.</i></p> <p>03 Are you happy with the new supplier?
<i>Be forms questions by inversion — never with "do".</i></p> | <p>04 The new laptops are on my desk.
<i>Plural subject takes are.</i></p> <p>05 I work on the Keller project.
<i>Be never stands beside a bare action verb — one sentence, one verb.</i></p> <p>06 I'm a graphic designer at a logistics firm.
<i>A singular job title needs the article in English.</i></p> |
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BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that your form of be truly matches the subject and that your questions need no "do".

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| <p>01 "I'm Julia, and I'm a sales manager."
<i>Introduction with I + am; the job needs the article.</i></p> <p>02 "My colleagues are very supportive."
<i>Plural subject takes are.</i></p> | <p>03 "I'm at the trade fair until Friday."
<i>Availability: be + place + until.</i></p> <p>04 "Are you in the building this afternoon?"
<i>Question by inversion — no do at all.</i></p> |
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