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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 ●○○

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 ●●○

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

1 · SORTING ○ | 2 · FILL-IN ○ | 3 · CORRECT ○ | 4 · WRITE ○

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.

02 You have right about the budget numbers.

03 Do you are happy with the new supplier?

04 The new laptops is on my desk.

05 I am work on the Keller project.

06 I'm graphic designer at a logistics firm.

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.

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

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

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

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

01 my colleague **is**
One person — mentally "she", so is.

02 the sales team **is**
Collective noun — at A1, singular with is is always safe.

03 our new client **is**
One client, one person — singular takes is.

04 the printer on floor two **is**
A singular thing — like "it".

05 your supervisor **is**
The subject is "supervisor" — singular, whatever stands before it.

06 my colleagues **are**
Several people — plural takes are.

07 the invoices **are**
Plural — mentally "they".

08 our partners in Madrid **are**
"Partners" is plural — the "in Madrid" addition changes nothing.

09 you **are**
"You" always takes are — even for just one person.

10 the two assistants **are**
Two people — plural takes are.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 I **am** responsible
"I" always takes am — spoken "I'm".

02 The finance department **is**
Singular subject — like "it".

03 **Are** you ready
Question by inversion: are comes before the subject — no do.

04 My colleagues **are** busy
Plural subject takes are.

05 Mark **isn't** at his desk
Negative with be: not straight after is — the second clause forces it.

06 I **am** not sure
"I am not" contracts to "I'm not" — there is no "amn't".

07 The meeting room **is** free
Singular — "the room" is like "it".

08 Our partners from Madrid **are** here
Plural subject takes are.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **I agree** with your proposal.
"Agree" is a full verb in English — no be before it.

02 **You're right** about the budget numbers.
German "has" right — English is right: with be.

03 **Are you** happy with the new supplier?
Be forms questions by inversion — never with "do".

04 The new laptops **are** on my desk.
Plural subject takes are.

05 **I work** on the Keller project.
Be never stands beside a bare action verb — one sentence, one verb.

06 I'm **a graphic designer** at a logistics firm.
A singular job title needs the article in English.

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".

01 "**I'm** Julia, and **I'm** a sales manager."
Introduction with I + am; the job needs the article.

02 "My colleagues **are** very supportive."
Plural subject takes are.

03 "**I'm** at the trade fair until Friday."
Availability: be + place + until.

04 "**Are you** in the building this afternoon?"
Question by inversion — no do at all.

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