

Grammar Review

Present Tense of BE

	Present	Negative
I	am ('m)	am not
you	are ('re)	aren't
he	is ('s)	isn't
she	is ('s)	isn't
it	is ('s)	isn't
we	are ('re)	aren't
they	are ('re)	aren't

Affirmative sentences	Subject + verb be + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + (verb be + not) + object.
Yes/No questions *	Verb be + subject + object + ?
Wh... questions	Wh... + verb be + subject + object + ?

Wh...: Who - What - When - Why - Where - Which - How

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer **	Yes, + subject + verb be.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + (verb be + not).
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + verb be + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + verb be + not + object.

****Don't use** contractions in affirmative short answers.

Present Simple

Use it to state facts and describe habitual actions.

Many Americans *work* part-time. (fact)

Judy *swims* three times a week. (habitual actions)

Affirmative *	
I / you / we / they	Subject + verb + object.
he / she / it	Subject + (verb + -s) + object.
Negative	
I / you / we / they	Subject + don't + verb + object.
he / she / it	Subject + doesn't + verb + object.
Yes/No questions **	
I / you / we / they	Do + subject + verb + object + ?
he / she / it	Does + subject + verb + object + ?
Wh... questions ***	
I / you / we / they	Wh... + do + subject + verb + object + ?
he / she / it	Wh... + does + subject + verb + object + ?

* Adding the verb an -s:
 -If the base form ends in **sh, ch, x, s, z, or o**, add **-es**: teach / teaches.
 -If the base form ends in a consonant plus **y**, change the **y** to **i** and add **-es**: worry / worries.
 - If the base form ends in any other letter, add **-s**: live / lives

***To ask **Which**: Which + noun + do / does + subject + verb + object + ?

***To ask **Who**: Who + (verb + -s) + object + ?

** Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + do / does.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + don't / doesn't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + verb (+ -s) + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + don't / doesn't + verb + object.

Present Continuous

Affirmative sentences	Subject + verb be + (verb + -ing) + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + (verb be + not) + (verb + -ing) + object.
Yes/No questions *	Verb be + subject + (verb + -ing) + object + ?
Wh... questions	Wh.. + verb be + subject + (verb + -ing) + object + ?

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer **	Yes, + subject + verb be.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + (verb be + not).
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + verb be + (verb + -ing) + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + (verb be + not) + (verb + -ing) + object.

** Don't use contractions in affirmative short answers.

*** Present Continuous vs Present Simple:

Present Simple	Present Continuous****
Used to describe:	Used to describe:
- Events that are permanent or unchanging, like habits.	- Incomplete actions or events - Events that are true at the moment of speaking, or momentary actions.
<i>I watch TV every night. She works at a bank.</i>	<i>I'm watching my favorite TV program right now. She's visiting her parents for the holidays.</i>

**** Some verbs generally not used in this tense: *have; know; like; love; want.*

Past Tense of BE

	Past	Negative
I	was	wasn't
You	were	weren't
He	was	wasn't
She	was	wasn't
It	was	wasn't
We	were	weren't
They	were	weren't

Affirmative sentences	Subject + verb be + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + wasn't / weren't + object.
Yes/No questions *	Was / were + subject + object + ?
Wh... questions	Wh... + was / were + subject + object + ?

Wh...: Who - What - When - Why - Where - Which - How

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + was / were.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + wasn't / weren't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + was / were + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + wasn't / weren't + object.

Past Simple

Affirmative sentences	Subject + verb past tense + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + did not (didn't) + verb present tense + object.
Yes/No questions *	Did + subject + verb present tense + object + ?
Wh... questions **	Wh... + did + subject + verb present tense + object + ?

To ask **Which: Which + noun + did + subject + verb present tense + object + ?

To ask **Who: Who + verb past tense + object + ?

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + did.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + didn't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + verb past tense + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + didn't + verb present tense + object.

Past Continuous

Affirmative sentences	Subject + was/were + (verb + -ing) + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + wasn't / weren't + (verb + -ing) + object.
Yes/No questions *	Was/Were + subject + (verb + -ing) + object + ?
Wh... questions	Wh.. + was/were + subject + (verb + -ing) + object + ?

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + was/were.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + wasn't/weren't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + was/were + (verb + -ing) + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + wasn't/weren't + (verb + -ing) + object.

Present Prefect

Affirmative	
I / you / we / they	Subject + have + verb past participle + object.
he / she / it	Subject + has + verb past participle + object.
Negative	
I / you / we / they	Subject + have not (haven't) + verb past participle + object.
he / she / it	Subject + has not (hasn't) + verb past participle + object.
Yes/No questions *	
I / you / we / they	Have + subject + verb past participle + object + ?
he / she / it	Has + subject + verb past participle + object + ?
Wh... questions **	
I / you / we / they	Wh... + have + subject + verb past participle + object + ?
he / she / it	Wh... + has + subject + verb past participle + object + ?

To ask **Which: Which + noun + have / has + subject + verb past participle + object + ?
 To ask **Who: Who + has + verb past participle + object + ?

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + have / has.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + haven't / hasn't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + have + verb past participle + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + haven't / hasn't + verb past participle + object.

***Present Perfect vs Present Simple:

Present Simple	Present Perfect
Used to describe:	Used to:
- Events that are permanent or unchanging, like habits.	- Express the idea that something happened (or never happened) before now; the time in the past is unspecified and unimportant. - Show the repetition of an activity before now, the specific time is not important.
<i>I clean my room every week.</i>	<i>Have you cleaned your room (yet)?</i> <i>I've (already) cleaned my room.</i> <i>I've cleaned my room twice this week.</i>

*Use:
Already: for affirmative sentences and some questions.
 *Yet for questions and negative sentences.

***Present Perfect vs Past Simple:

Past Simple	Present Perfect
Used to describe:	Used for:
- A specific event completed in the past.	- Indefinite past. - Implies "at any time in your lifetime".
<i>I saw a magic show last year.</i>	<i>Have you ever seen a magic show?</i>

Past Prefect

Affirmative sentences	Subject + had + verb past participle + object.
Negative sentences	Subject + hadn't + verb past participle + object.
Yes/No questions *	Had + subject + verb past participle + object + ?
Wh... questions **	Wh... + had + subject + verb past participle + object + ?

****To ask Which:** Which + noun + had + subject + verb past participle + object + ?

* Answers for Yes/No questions:

Affirmative short answer	Yes, + subject + had.
Negative short answer	No, + subject + hadn't.
Affirmative complete answer	Yes, + subject + had + verb past participle + object.
Negative complete answer	No, + subject + hadn't + verb past participle + object.