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A: Are you from England?
B: No, we aren’t. We’re from China.

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He’s Tom and she’s Helen.

They are friends.

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Affirmative	
Long form	Short form
I am	I'm
You are	You're
He is	He's
She is	She's
It is	It's
We are	We're
You are	You're
They are	They're

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Negative	
Long form	Short form
I am not	I'm not
You are not	You aren't
He is not	He isn't
She is not	She isn't
It is not	It isn't
We are not	We aren't
You are not	You aren't
They are not	They aren't

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Question
Am I?
Are you?
Is he?
Is she?
Is it?
Are we?
Are you?
Are they?

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I	**am**	in New York now.
My father	**is**	in Boston.
He		a mechanic.
My sister		in Puerto Rico.
Boston		a city
It		beautiful
We	**are**	students.
You		a teacher.
Puerto Ricans		citizens of the U.S.
Chicago and Boston		cities.
They		big.

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Examples	Uses of Be
Istanbul **is** beautiful.	Description
Ankara **is** the capital of Turkey.	Classification or definition
Izmir **is** in the West.	Location
We are from Mexico.	Place of origin
I **am** 25 years old.	Age
It **is** hot in Puerto Rico.	Weather
It **is** 6 o'clock.	Time

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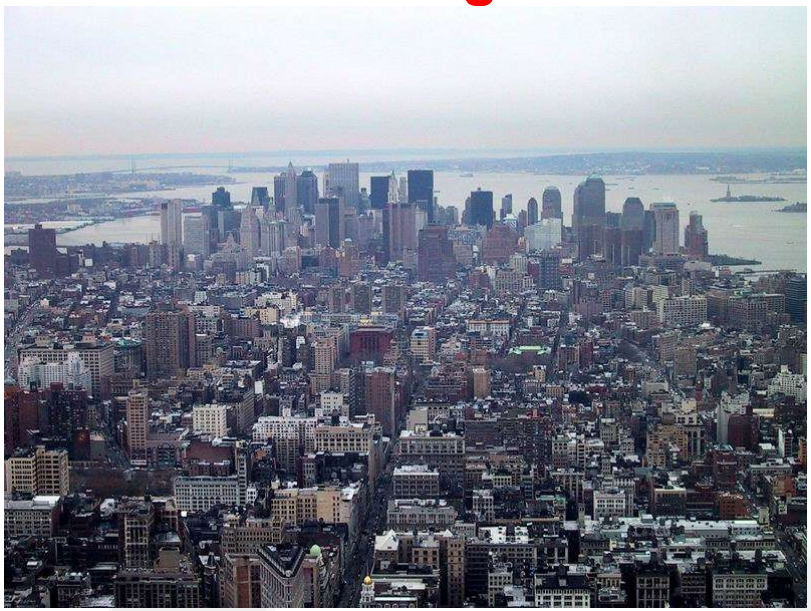
Subject	Be	(Very)	Adjective
New York City	is	very	big
People	are		helpful
The weather	is		nice
I	am		tired

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Language Notes

1. We use a form of **be** with words that describe the subject. We use **adjectives** to describe. Descriptive adjectives have no plural form.

New York is **big**.



New York and Chicago are **big**.



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Language Notes

2. Some words that end with –ed or –ing are adjectives: married; tired; interesting; boring.



He’s worried about you.



We’re tired.



New York City is interesting.

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Language Notes

3. We use a form of be with a physical or mental condition.

He’s hungry.



It is thirsty.



They’re angry.



We’re afraid.



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Singular Subject Noun	Be	A or An	(Adjective)	Singular
I	am	a		student
You	are	a		teacher
New York	is	an	interesting	city

Plural Subject Noun	Be		(Adjective)	Plural
New York and L.A.	are		big	cities
We	are		foreign	students

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Language Notes

1. A **noun** is a person, place or thing. We use a noun after be to classify or define the subject.
2. We use the article a or an before a singular noun. We use an before a wovel sound.
3. We don’t use the article a or an before a plural noun.
4. We can put an adjective before the noun.

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He is ..... a postman. They are ..... doctors ..... It is ..... a cat

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..She is.. a hairdresser



..He is.. a singer



..He is.. a baker

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.....It is..... a tennis ball.



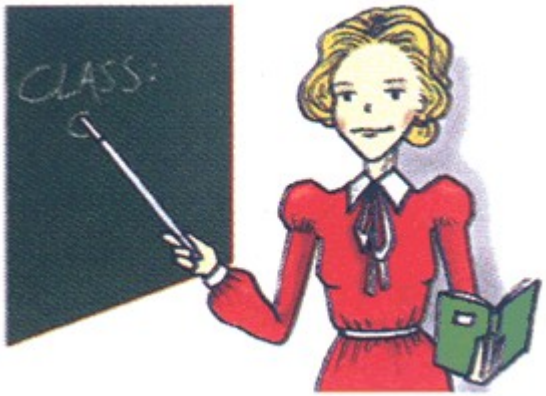
They are ..... brushes

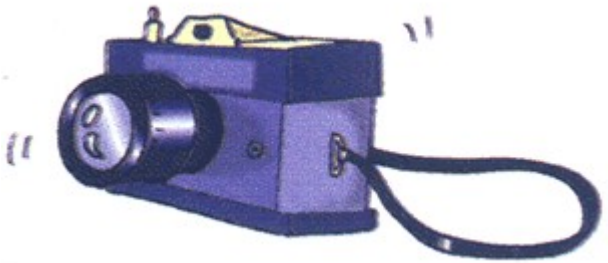
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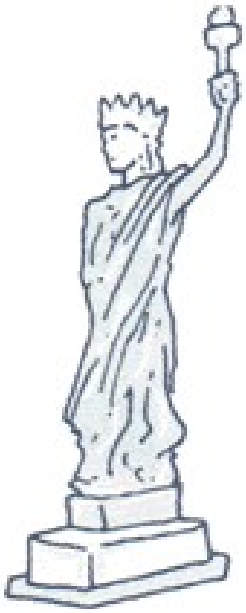


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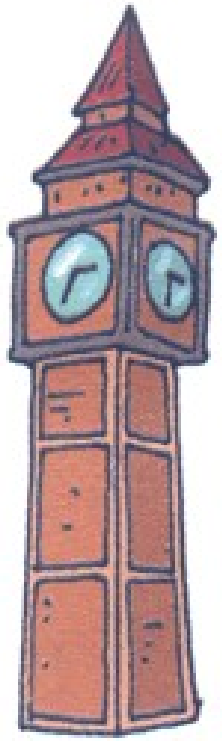


1. New York / in the U.S.A. / ? (Yes)

.....*Is New York in the U.S.A.?*.....

.....*Yes, it is*.....

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2. Tom / from China / ? – No / England

Is Tom from China?

No, he isn’t.

He is from England.

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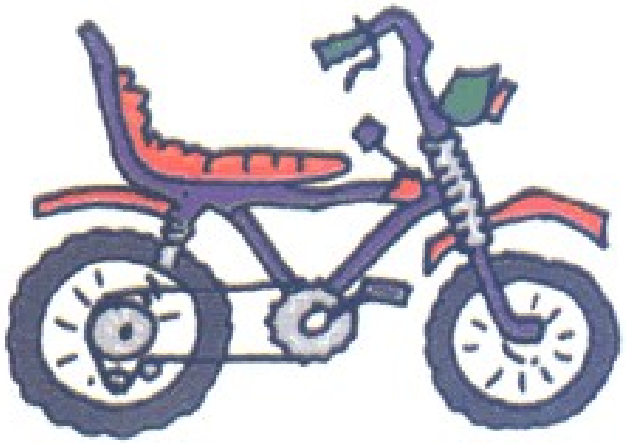


3. You / nurses / ? – Yes



4. you / an artist / ? – Yes

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5. bike / new / ? – No / old

Is the bike new?

No, it isn’t.

It’s old.



6. the dog / hungry / ? – Yes

Is the dog hungry?

Yes, it is.

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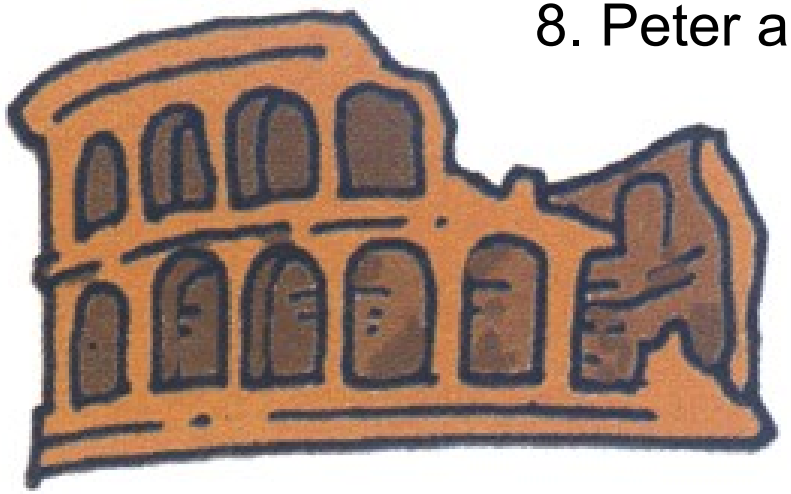


7. Tina / thirteen years old / ?
   No / fourteen years old

   Is Tina thirteen years old?

   No, she isn’t.

   She is fourteen years old.



8. Peter and Karen / in Paris now / ? – No / Rome

   Are Peter and Karen in Paris now?

   No, they aren’t.

   They are in Rome.

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Is Ann from Italy?

No, she isn't. She's from the USA.



Are they boots?

No, they aren't. They are shoes.

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Is it ..... a desk?

..... No, it isn’t. It’s ..... a blackboard.



Is ..... your favourite subject maths?

..... No, it isn’t. It’s ..... Art.

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Are they rabbits?

No, they aren't. They're cats.



Is Los Angeles in the north-east of the USA?

No, it isn't. It's in the south–west of the USA.

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1. Su-Ling / China

   an actress

   26 years old

Su-Ling is from China
She is an actress
She is 26 years old

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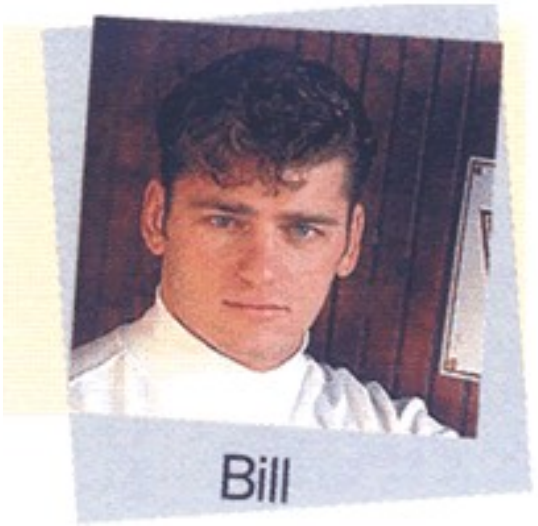
2. Susan and Sally / England
   teachers
   33 years old

Susan and Sally are from England.

They are teachers.

They are 33 years old.

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3. Bill / the U.S.A.

an artist

30 years old

Bill is from the U.S.A

He is an artist.

He is 30 years old.