PRESENT SIMPLE

EXERCISES
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1: Present simple of ‘be’: positive

Make the present tense positive of 'be'. Don’t use short forms.

1. He ________________________ (be) Japanese.
2. You ________________________ (be) very tall.
3. I ________________________ (be) hungry.
4. It ________________________ (be) on the table.
5. She ________________________ (be) at the bank.
6. I ________________________ (be) cold.
7. You ________________________ (be) French.
8. We ________________________ (be) on the bus.
9. We ________________________ (be) nearby.
10. She ________________________ (be) thirsty.
11. They ________________________ (be) at the park.
12. They ________________________ (be) late.
13. It ________________________ (be) in the cupboard.
14. She ________________________ (be) at work.
15. It ________________________ (be) hot outside.
16. He ________________________ (be) in the car.
17. I ________________________ (be) Scottish.
18. You ________________________ (be) at home.
19. He ________________________ (be) from Madrid.
20. We ________________________ (be) ready.
2: Present simple of ‘be’: negative

Make a negative sentence using ‘be’. Don’t use short forms.

1. She ______________________ (not / be) on the bus.
2. He ______________________ (not / be) my brother.
3. She ______________________ (not / be) Italian.
4. He ______________________ (not / be) hungry.
5. You ______________________ (not / be) late.
6. He ______________________ (not / be) tall.
7. She ______________________ (not / be) at school.
8. It ______________________ (not / be) warm.
9. He ______________________ (not / be) at home.
10. We ______________________ (not / be) at the party.
11. You ______________________ (not / be) Spanish.
12. It ______________________ (not / be) cold.
13. You ______________________ (not / be) bored.
14. I ______________________ (not / be) worried.
15. They ______________________ (not / be) students.
17. We ______________________ (not / be) in the UK.
18. I ______________________ (not / be) a teacher.
19. They ______________________ (not / be) at the restaurant.
20. I ______________________ (not / be) from Paris.
3: Present simple with ‘be’: yes / no questions

Make a ‘yes / no’ question with ‘be’.

1. __________________________ (she / be) a doctor?
2. __________________________ (they / be) students?
3. __________________________ (it / be) cold outside?
4. __________________________ (they / be) in the garden?
5. __________________________ (he / be) a dentist?
6. __________________________ (it / be) two o’clock?
7. __________________________ (they / be) in the car?
8. __________________________ (he / be) a teacher?
9. __________________________ (it / be) in the bag?
10. __________________________ (you / be) on the train?
11. __________________________ (he / be) from Switzerland?
12. __________________________ (he / be) at home?
13. __________________________ (she / be) your sister?
14. __________________________ (you / be) a vegetarian?
15. __________________________ (we / be) in the right place?
16. __________________________ (she / be) at the cinema?
17. __________________________ (I / be) late?
18. __________________________ (she / be) at the library?
19. __________________________ (you / be) Russian?
20. __________________________ (you / be) from Tokyo?
4: Present simple with ‘be’: wh questions

Make a present simple ‘wh’ question with ‘be’.

1. How ______________________ (he / be)?
2. Where ______________________ (you / be)?
3. How old ______________________ (he / be)?
4. Why ______________________ (he / be) at the airport?
5. Why ______________________ (she / be) on the bus?
6. Why ______________________ (we / be) awake?
7. Where ______________________ (they / be) from?
8. Why ______________________ (she / be) hungry?
9. Why ______________________ (you / be) here?
10. How much ______________________ (it / be)?
11. How ______________________ (you / be)?
12. How often ______________________ (she / be) here?
13. Who ______________________ (they / be)?
14. Where ______________________ (I / be)?
15. Why ______________________ (it / be) cold?
16. What ______________________ (it / be)?
17. Who ______________________ (she / be)?
18. Where ______________________ (he / be) now?
19. Why ______________________ (you / be) late?
20. When ______________________ (it / be)?
5: Present simple with ‘be’: mixed exercise

Make the present simple with ‘be’. This time it can be positive, negative or a question.

1. Why ______________________ (she / be) late?
2. I ______________________ (not / be) on the train.
3. They ______________________ (be) British.
4. We ______________________ (not / be) students.
5. Who ______________________ (they / be)?
6. He ______________________ (be) a lawyer.
7. ______________________ (he / be) asleep?
8. ______________________ (it / be) dark outside?
9. I ______________________ (be) here.
10. She ______________________ (not / be) in the café.
11. ______________________ (she / be) at home?
12. ______________________ (they / be) in Berlin?
13. We ______________________ (be) on our way.
14. How much ______________________ (it / be)?
15. You ______________________ (not / be) in the right place.
16. Where ______________________ (he / be)?
17. You ______________________ (be) late.
18. ______________________ (you / be) tired?
19. How ______________________ (you / be)?
20. They ______________________ (not / be) French.
6: Present simple with regular verbs: positive

Make the present simple positive.

1. You ________________________ (hate) mushrooms.
2. It ________________________ (snow) every winter.
3. He ________________________ (clean) the kitchen.
4. They ________________________ (stay) at home a lot.
5. We ________________________ (buy) a lot of books.
6. He ________________________ (drink) a lot of coffee.
7. She ________________________ (make) dinner.
8. You ________________________ (like) chocolate.
9. We ________________________ (get) ready.
10. We ________________________ (want) a drink.
11. I ________________________ (eat) a lot of fruit.
12. I ________________________ (play) tennis every week.
13. He ________________________ (love) parties.
14. They ________________________ (work) in the city.
15. She ________________________ (live) in Hong Kong.
16. You ________________________ (have) two brothers.
17. I ________________________ (do) my homework.
18. It ________________________ (rain) a lot here.
19. I ________________________ (study) every morning.
20. She ________________________ (wear) glasses.
7: Present simple with regular verbs: negative

Make the present simple negative. Don’t use short forms.

1. We ________________________ (not / buy) many clothes.
2. It ________________________ (not / snow) here.
3. It ________________________ (not / rain) much.
4. He ________________________ (not / clean) the bathroom.
5. He ________________________ (not / drink) tea.
6. You ________________________ (not / have) any sisters.
7. He ________________________ (not / love) me.
8. They ________________________ (not / work) as teachers.
9. We ________________________ (not / get) ready.
10. They ________________________ (not / stay) in hotels.
11. She ________________________ (not / make) coffee.
12. You ________________________ (not / like) travelling.
13. We ________________________ (not / want) dessert.
14. You ________________________ (not / hate) meat.
15. I ________________________ (not / study) German.
16. I ________________________ (not / play) the piano.
17. She ________________________ (not / wear) jewellery.
18. She ________________________ (not / live) in New York.
19. I ________________________ (not / eat) a lot of vegetables.
20. I ________________________ (not / do) anything.
8: Present simple with regular verbs: yes / no questions

Make present simple questions.

1. ____________________ (you / want) a new car?
2. ____________________ (she / wear) glasses?
3. ____________________ (she / buy) many books?
4. ____________________ (you / make) dinner every night?
5. ____________________ (he / do) the cleaning?
6. ____________________ (it / rain) a lot?
7. ____________________ (we / stay) in hotels?
8. ____________________ (they / go) swimming in the summer?
9. ____________________ (I / need) shoes?
10. ____________________ (he / play) the violin?
11. ____________________ (he / live) in Sydney?
12. ____________________ (we / have) a lot of friends?
13. ____________________ (you / make) a lot of cakes?
14. ____________________ (we / walk) to work?
15. ____________________ (they / study) French?
16. ____________________ (they / eat) at school?
17. ____________________ (I / like) chocolate?
18. ____________________ (it / snow) in the mountains?
19. ____________________ (I / sleep) too much?
20. ____________________ (she / drink) tea?
9: Present simple with regular verbs: ‘wh’ questions

Make present simple questions.

1. How late ______________ (he / work)?
2. How ______________ (we / find) the restaurant?
3. Where ______________ (she / play) tennis?
4. What kind ______________ (he / like)?
5. Who ______________ (I / talk) to?
6. When ______________ (she / go) to school?
7. When ______________ (it / snow)?
8. Why ______________ (he / eat) so much chocolate?
9. Why ______________ (they / stay) at home?
10. Why ______________ (she / drink) so much coffee?
11. Where ______________ (it / rain) the most?
12. Where ______________ (you / live)?
13. When ______________ (I / meet) you?
14. What ______________ (you / eat) for breakfast?
15. How long ______________ (we / wait)?
16. When ______________ (they / leave)?
17. What time ______________ (we / arrive)?
18. What ______________ (you / read)?
19. What ______________ (I / do)?
20. Where ______________ (they / study)?
10: Present simple with regular verbs: mixed exercise

Make the present simple. Don’t use short forms.

1. Where ______________________ (she / work)?
2. She ______________________ (not / go) to the cinema.
3. He ______________________ (hate) cold weather.
4. You ______________________ (read) a lot of books.
5. When ______________________ (he / go) home?
6. How ______________________ (they / arrive) so early?
7. ______________________ (I / call) John?
8. I ______________________ (not / study) Japanese.
9. Why ______________________ (we / need) this?
10. ______________________ (she / have) a dog?
11. They ______________________ (not / live) in China.
12. He ______________________ (not / pay) for the flat.
13. I ______________________ (love) children.
14. We ______________________ (use) the Internet.
15. ______________________ (he / go) swimming often?
16. ______________________ (you / like) ice cream?
17. ______________________ (they / want) a drink?
18. They ______________________ (buy) coffee every day.
19. What instrument ______________________ (you / play)?
20. You ______________________ (not / eat) chicken.
11: Present simple spelling changes

Change the verb into the present simple. Make sure you spell it correctly!

1. She ________________________ (teach) grammar.
2. The child ________________________ (cry) often.
3. The student ________________________ (do) his homework.
4. My dad ________________________ (enjoy) the party.
5. She ________________________ (wash) the clothes.
6. She ________________________ (go) out a lot.
7. The child ________________________ (push) his friend.
8. She ________________________ (fly) to Australia next week.
9. Amanda ________________________ (study) Spanish.
10. He ________________________ (try) to eat healthy food.
11. She ________________________ (say) that she is hungry.
12. The lawyer ________________________ (hurry) to the court.
13. My brother ________________________ (have) a car.
14. Julie ________________________ (buy) some tomatoes.
15. Lucy ________________________ (catch) the ball.
16. Luke ________________________ (miss) the bus every week.
17. She ________________________ (pass) the salt.
18. John ________________________ (stay) in a hotel.
19. The cook ________________________ (mix) the ingredients.
20. He ________________________ (play) football.
12: Present simple short forms

Make sentences with short forms (also called contractions).

2. ________________________ (I am) not at home.
3. You ________________________ (are not) on time.
4. ________________________ (You are) sleepy.
5. We ________________________ (do not) study at the library.
6. ________________________ (They are) at the cinema.
7. ________________________ (We are) here.
8. She ________________________ (does not) need any money.
9. She ________________________ (is not) very tall.
10. They ________________________ (are not) students.
11. ________________________ (It is) warm outside.
12. ________________________ (I am) cold.
13. It ________________________ (does not) rain much.
14. It ________________________ (is not) dark.
15. He ________________________ (is not) Italian.
16. They ________________________ (do not) hate mushrooms.
17. ________________________ (She is) late again.
18. ________________________ (He is) on the bus.
19. I ________________________ (do not) want a drink.
20. He ________________________ (does not) have a car.
13: Present simple short answers

Write the short answer. Use short forms if possible.

1. A: Are you a teacher? B: No, ________________________.
2. A: Do they come from Japan? B: No, they ________________________.
3. A: Is she a lawyer? B: Yes, she ________________________.
4. A: Does he live in Budapest? B: Yes, he ________________________.
5. A: Am I right? B: No, you ________________________.
6. A: Is she ill? B: No, she ________________________.
7. A: Do we need coats? B: No, we ________________________.
8. A: Do you like chocolate? B: Yes, I ________________________.
9. A: Does she want coffee? B: Yes, she ________________________.
10. A: Do you eat meat? B: No, I ________________________.
11. A: Are they in a restaurant? B: No, they ________________________.
12. A: Does it rain a lot here? B: Yes, it ________________________.
13. A: Are we in the right place? B: Yes, we ________________________.
15. A: Is it cold outside? B: No, it ________________________.
16. A: Are they late? B: Yes, they ________________________.
17. A: Is he Brazilian? B: Yes, he ________________________.
18. A: Are you on the train? B: Yes, I ________________________.
19. A: Does she work at home? B: No, she ________________________.
20. A: Does he study Polish? B: No, he ________________________.
14: Present simple use: for the present

Make the present simple.

1. ______________________ (you / drink) coffee every day?
2. The moon ______________________ (go) round the earth.
3. Oil and water ______________________ (not / mix).
4. She ______________________ (play) tennis once a week.
5. He ______________________ (enjoy) music.
6. She ______________________ (not / work) in a bank.
7. I ______________________ (not / go) to the cinema often.
8. How often ______________________ (he / cook)?
9. A: How do I get to the museum? B: You ______________________ (go) along this road to the end.
10. ______________________ (he / study) French?
11. Young people usually ______________________ (eat) a lot.
12. We ______________________ (not / drink) alcohol.
13. It ______________________ (rain) a lot in the winter.
15. Where ______________________ (they / buy) food?
16. In Spain, cafés ______________________ (not / open) early.
17. He ______________________ (live) in Moscow.
18. John always ______________________ (work) on Fridays.
20. In Japan, people ______________________ (eat) a lot of fish.
15: Present simple form mixed exercise 1

Make the present simple. Use short forms if possible.

1. She ____________________ (play) the violin.
2. ____________________ (we / be) in the right place?
3. ____________________ (she / be) from China?
4. You ____________________ (not / be) from Argentina.
5. I ____________________ (not / need) any help.
6. ____________________ (I / be) correct?
7. It ____________________ (be) cold outside.
8. He ____________________ (not / study) German.
9. We ____________________ (be) in the kitchen.
10. I ____________________ (not / be) thirty.
11. You ____________________ (want) a new car.
12. She ____________________ (not / be) a teacher.
13. They ____________________ (not / smoke).
14. They ____________________ (meet) a lot of people.
15. He ____________________ (not / be) in the garden.
16. It ____________________ (not / snow) in London.
17. We ____________________ (have) three children.
18. We ____________________ (not / travel) by bus.
19. They ____________________ (be) late for the class.
16: Present simple form mixed exercise 2

Make the present simple. Use short forms if possible.

1. _______________ (they / be) at work just now?
2. _______________ (he / be) a lawyer?
3. She _______________ (not / eat) meat.
4. _______________ (we / need) a map?
5. I _______________ (be) very happy in London.
6. _______________ (you / be) at home?
7. _______________ (I / need) a new phone?
8. You _______________ (not / go) to class.
9. _______________ (it / be) sunny there?
10. She _______________ (be) from Madrid.
11. _______________ (she / have) a pet?
12. I _______________ (like) coffee.
13. They _______________ (not / be) on the train.
14. It _______________ (rain) a lot here.
15. He _______________ (be) really hungry.
16. _______________ (he / drink) tea?
17. You _______________ (be) tired today.
18. _______________ (they / take) their car?
19. We _______________ (not / be) in the library.
20. _______________ (you / work) at the weekend?