

EXERCISES for CHAPTER 1. THE SIMPLE PRESENT OF THE VERB TO BE

1. Change the following pairs of words into sentences, using the correct forms of the Simple Present of the verb **to be**. For example:

I, cautious
I am cautious.

they, friendly
They are friendly.

1. you, careful
2. it, warm
3. he, here
4. we, bold
5. they, careless
6. she, clever
7. we, ready
8. you, reckless
9. I, shy
10. they, polite

[Answers](#)

2. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into questions. For example:

I am cautious.
Am I cautious?

They are friendly.
Are they friendly?

[Answers](#)

3. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative statements. For example:

I am cautious.
I am not cautious.

They are friendly.
They are not friendly.

[Answers](#)

4. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative questions. Except where the subject of the verb is **I**, write both the form without contractions and the form with contractions. For example:

I am cautious.
Am I not cautious?

They are friendly.

Are they not friendly?
Aren't they friendly?

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5. Add negative tag questions to the ends of the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1. Except where the subject of the verb is **I**, use contractions for the tag questions. For example:

I am cautious.
I am cautious, am I not?

They are friendly.
They are friendly, aren't they?

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6. Using the Simple Present of the verb **to be**, and making sure that the word order is correct, form the following groups of words into grammatically correct statements or questions. If the symbol **?** is present, form the words into a question. If the word **not** is present, form the words into a negative statement or negative question. Do not use contractions in this exercise. For example:

it, brown
It is brown.

you, ?, excited
Are you excited?

I, satisfied, not
I am not satisfied.

not, ?, they, ready
Are they not ready?

1. you, ?, hungry
2. we, ?, not, correct
3. he, ?, happy
4. not, ?, it, cold
5. she, here
6. I, early, ?
7. they, wrong, not
8. you, ?, comfortable
9. they, ?, not, strong
10. not, ?, I, fortunate
11. it, slippery, ?
12. not, you, late
13. it, not, ?, important
14. we, famous
15. they, present, ?

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4. Each of the following sentences is preceded by a bare infinitive, the most heavily stressed syllable of which is underlined. Paying attention to whether or not the final consonant should be doubled before **ing** is added, fill in the blanks with the present participles corresponding to the bare infinitives. Use the American spelling for verbs ending in **l**. For example:

whisper: They are _____ to their friends.
They are whispering to their friends.

refer: I was _____ to your letter.
I was referring to your letter.

1. open: I am _____ the door.
2. display: She is _____ her talents.
3. submit: He is _____ his report tomorrow.
4. limit: The store is _____ the number of items on sale.
5. permit: We are not _____ him to go.
6. sharpen: They are _____ the pencils.
7. confer: She is _____ with her colleagues.
8. focus: He is _____ the camera.
9. repel: They are _____ the attack.
10. shovel: I am _____ the steps.
11. destroy: Hail is _____ the crops.
12. dispel: They are _____ our doubts.
13. squander: He is _____ his money.
14. prefer: We are _____ our new school to the old one.
15. color: The child is _____ the picture.
16. unravel: We are _____ the wool.
17. propel: Jet engines are _____ the plane.
18. flower: The pansies are _____
19. infer: They are _____ that we do not want to come.
20. listen: The children are _____ to us.

Answers

5. Change the following affirmative statements into questions. For example:

It is snowing.
Is it snowing?

They are being cautious.
Are they being cautious?

1. I am learning English.
2. You are carrying a parcel.
3. It is growing colder.
4. We are living in Halifax.
5. They are running a race.
6. He is drinking coffee.
7. She is shopping for presents.
8. I am cleaning the window.

6. They _____ to Mexico every year. (to travel)
7. Just now we _____ the shopping. (to do)
8. She always _____ correctly. (to answer)
9. You _____ never late. (to be)
10. Now I _____ to the radio. (to listen)
11. Each Sunday, we _____ the flea market. (to visit)
12. At present, I _____ for work. (to look)

[Answers](#)

ANSWERS for CHAPTER 3. THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS

Answers to [Exercise 1](#):

1. am answering 2. are wearing 3. are looking 4. is calling 5. is building 6. are cooking 7. are telling 8. are waiting 9. am reading 10. are picking

Answers to [Exercise 2](#):

1. is writing 2. are worrying 3. is making 4. is dying 5. are hurrying 6. is daring 7. are lying 8. is solving 9. am leaving 10. are trying

Answers to [Exercise 3](#):

1. am cutting 2. is floating 3. are winning 4. are wrapping 5. is growing 6. is looking 7. am knitting 8. are sawing 9. is cleaning 10. are scrubbing 11. am fixing 12. is sipping 13. are trimming 14. are feeding 15. is nodding

Answers to [Exercise 4](#):

1. opening 2. displaying 3. submitting 4. limiting 5. permitting 6. sharpening 7. conferring 8. focusing 9. repelling 10. shoveling 11. destroying 12. dispelling 13. squandering 14. preferring 15. coloring 16. unraveling 17. propelling 18. flowering 19. inferring 20. listening

Answers to [Exercise 5](#):

1. Am I learning English? 2. Are you carrying a parcel? 3. Is it growing colder? 4. Are we living in Halifax? 5. Are they running a race? 6. Is he drinking coffee? 7. Is she shopping for presents? 8. Am I cleaning the window? 9. Are we buying pencils? 10. Are they playing football?

Answers to [Exercise 6](#):

1. I am not learning English. 2. You are not carrying a parcel. 3. It is not growing colder. 4. We are not living in Halifax. 5. They are not running a race. 6. He is not drinking coffee. 7. She is not shopping for presents. 8. I am not cleaning the window. 9. We are not buying pencils. 10. They are not playing football.

