



Present Simple Forms of 'to be'

Positive Forms

- I am a footballer.
- You are a footballer.
- He is a footballer.
- She is a footballer.
- It is a football.
- We are footballers.
- They are footballers.

Interrogative (Question) Forms

- Am I a footballer?
- Are you a footballer?
- Is he a footballer?
- Is she a footballer?
- Is it a football?
- Are we footballers?
- Are they footballers?

Negative Forms

- I am not a footballer.
- You are not a footballer.
- He is not a footballer.
- We are not footballers.
- They are not footballers.

Contractions (Positive Short Forms)

- I'm a footballer.
- You're a footballer.
- He's a footballer.
- We're footballers.
- They're footballers.

Contractions (Negative Short Forms)

- I'm not a footballer.
- You're not a footballer.
- He's not a footballer.
- We're not footballers.
- They're not footballers.

Short Answers with 'be'

- Am I a footballer? Yes, I am. No, I am not.
- Are you a footballer? Yes, you are. No, you are not.
- Is he a footballer? Yes, he is. No, he is not.

Tag Questions

- I am a footballer, aren't I?
- You are a footballer, aren't you?
- He is a footballer, isn't he?
- We are footballers, aren't we?
- They are footballers, aren't they?

Forms of 'to be' Summary

- The present simple of the verb be has three forms:
 - I am.
 - He/She/It is.
 - We/You/They are.

Pronouns: He, She, It, They

- He = for a man
- She = for a woman
- It = for a thing
- They = for people and things
 - Examples:
 - He's a little boy.
 - She's beautiful.
 - I like this TV. It's very big.
 - I love Sara and Jonas. They are my friends.
 - I love these chairs. They are very beautiful.

Don't Forget the Subject!

- We always need a subject before the verb.
 - Correct: It is cold.
 - Wrong: Is cold.
 - Correct: Sally is a wonderful woman.
 - Wrong: Is a wonderful woman.

Contractions (Short Forms)

- We use 'm, 's, and 're with personal pronouns (I, you, he, etc.).
 - I'm sad.
 - You're tired.
 - She's from Scotland.
- We can also use 's with names:
 - Laura's beautiful.
 - London's an expensive city.

Contractions in Short Answers

- We can only use contractions in NEGATIVE short answers. Not in positive short answers.
 - Correct: Yes, I am.
 - Wrong: Yes, I'm.
 - Correct: Yes, she is.
 - Wrong: Yes, she's.
 - Correct: Yes, they are.
 - Wrong: Yes, they're.

Use of the Present Simple of 'be'

- We use the verb 'be' to talk about:
 - Who we are: I'm Steven, and this is Isabella. And this is my daughter, Alicia.
 - Age: I'm 24 years old, and my father is 50.
 - Job: I'm a teacher, and my wife is a doctor.
 - Nationality: Alex is from Ireland, and Sonia is from Spain.
 - Feelings: I'm scared. She is very tired.
 - Colour: Our dog is black. His eyes are blue.
 - Prices: It's seven pounds. This T-shirt is twenty dollars.
 - The weather: It's sunny today. It is very cold this morning.
 - The time: What time is it? It's ten past four.
 - Descriptions in general: He is very short and thin. The cars are old and cheap.

Review and Practice

- We have covered the forms, usage, and contractions of the present simple of 'to be'.
- Would you like to practice using these forms with some exercises?