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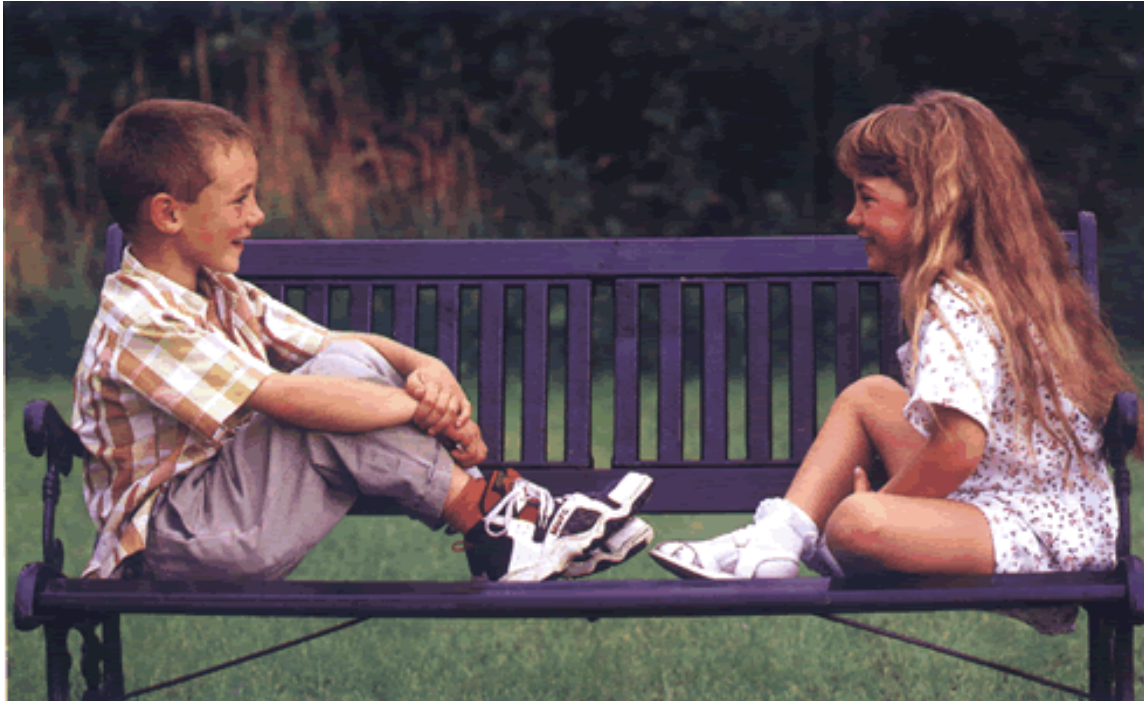
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A: **Are you** from England?

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

I **am**

You **are**

He **is**

She **is**

It **is**

We **are**

You **are**

They **are**

Short form

I'm

You're

He's

She's

It's

We're

You're

They're

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Negative

Long form

I **am not**

You **are not**

He **is not**

She **is not**

It **is not**

We **are not**

You **are not**

They **are not**

Short form

I'm **not**

You **aren't**

He **isn't**

She **isn't**

It **isn't**

We **aren't**

You **aren't**

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
He
My sister
Boston
It

is

in Boston.
a mechanic.
in Puerto Rico.
a city
beautiful

We
You
Puerto Ricans
Chicago and Boston
They

are

students.
a teacher.
citizens of the U.S.
cities.
big.

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Examples

Istanbul **is** beautiful.

Ankara **is** the capital of Turkey.

Izmir **is** in the West.

We **are** from Mexico.

I **am** 25 years old.

It **is** hot in Puerto Rico.

It **is** 6 o'clock.

Uses of Be

Description

Classification or definition

Location

Place of origin

Age

Weather

Time

“BE” WITH DESCRIPTIONS

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

“BE” WITH DESCRIPTIONS

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 worri**ed** about you.



We're tire**d**.



New York City is interest**ing**.

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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**.



“BE” WITH DEFINITIONS

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

Plural Subject	Be	(Adjective)	Plural Noun
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 vowel 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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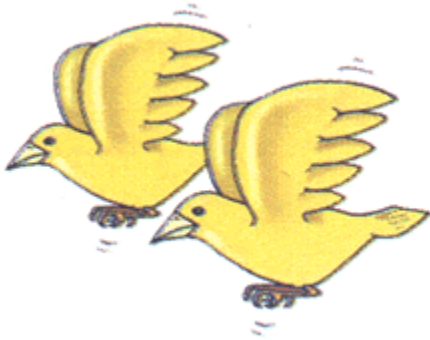


It is a tennis ball.

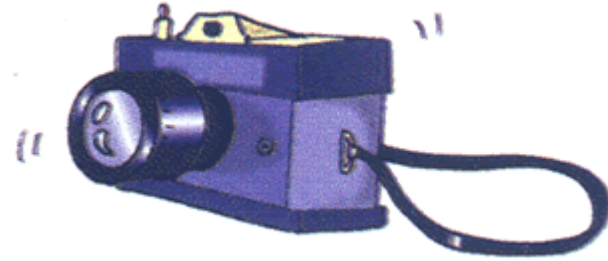
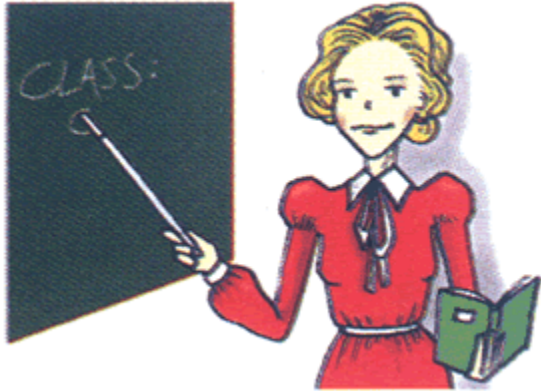


They are brushes

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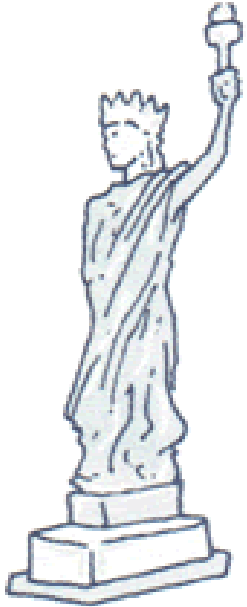
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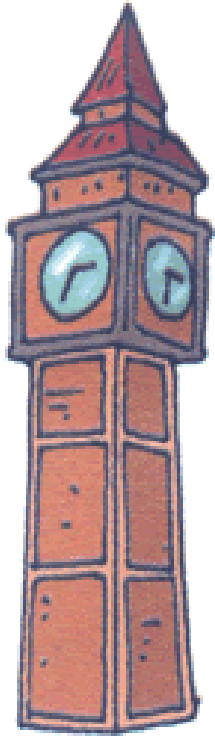


1. New York / in the U.S.A. / ? (Yes)

.....*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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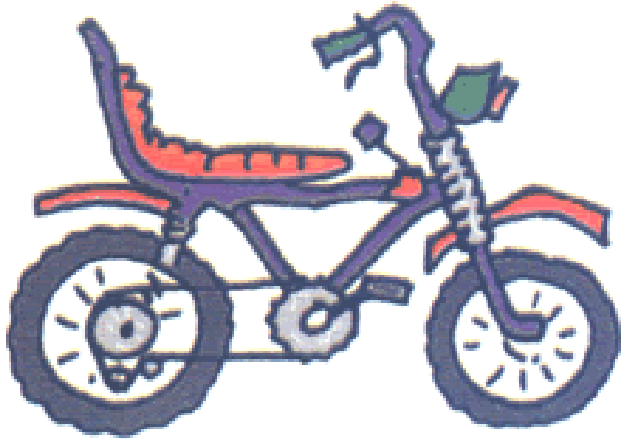


3. You / nurses / ? – Yes



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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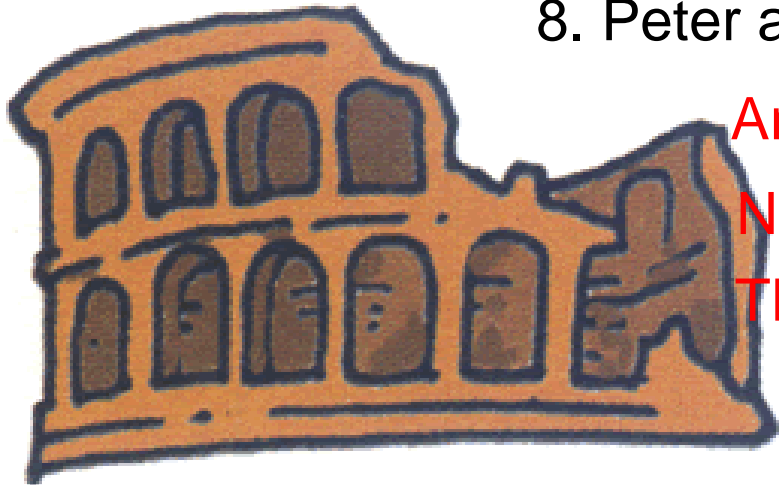


7. Tina / thirteen years old / ?
No / fourteen years old

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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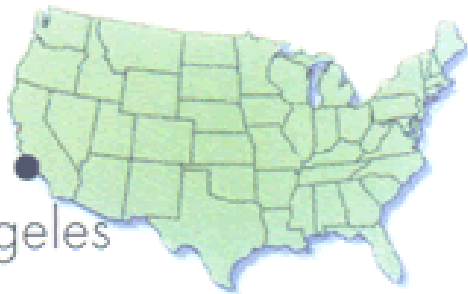


..... **Are they** rabbits?

..... **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.



Los Angeles

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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

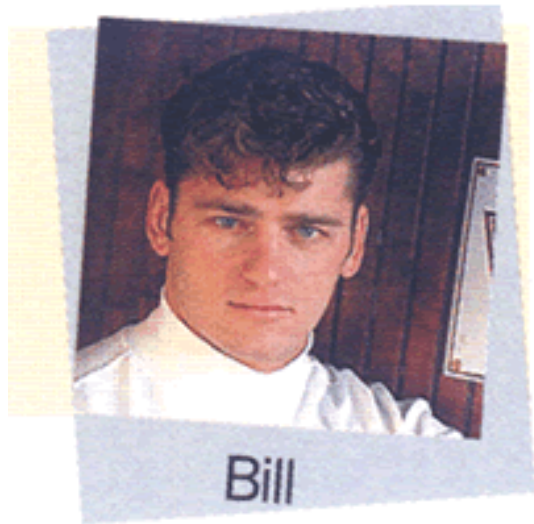
Susan and Sally are from England.

They are teachers.

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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.