

# THE VERB "TO BE"

Simple Present			
Affermative	Interrogative	Negative	Interrogative - Negative
I <b>am</b> (I'm)	<b>Am</b> I?	I <b>am not</b> (I'm not)	<b>Am I not?</b> ( <b>Aren't</b> I?)
You <b>are</b> (You're)	<b>Are</b> you?	You <b>are not</b> ( <b>aren't</b> )	<b>Are you not?</b> ( <b>Aren't</b> you?)
He/She/It <b>is</b> (... 's)	<b>Is</b> he/she/it?	He/She/It <b>is not</b> ( <b>isn't</b> )	<b>Is he/she/it not?</b> ( <b>Isn't</b> ...?)
We <b>are</b> (We're)	<b>Are</b> we?	We <b>are not</b> ( <b>aren't</b> )	<b>Are we not?</b> ( <b>Aren't</b> we?)
You <b>are</b> (You're)	<b>Are</b> you?	You <b>are not</b> ( <b>aren't</b> )	<b>Are you not?</b> ( <b>Aren't</b> you?)
They <b>are</b> (They're)	<b>Are</b> they?	They <b>are not</b> ( <b>aren't</b> )	<b>Are they not?</b> ( <b>Aren't</b> they?)

Es. I **am** Italian. *Io sono italiano.* He **isn't** at home. *(Egli) non è a casa.*  
**Are** you English? *Sei inglese?* **Aren't** they on holiday? *Non sono in vacanza?*

The verb "to be" is used in **expressions** such as the following ones:

to <b>be</b> hungry (=avere fame)	ex. He <b>is</b> always <b>hungry</b> .	<i>(Egli) ha sempre fame</i>
to <b>be</b> thirsty (=avere sete)	ex. I'm <b>not</b> very <b>thirsty</b> .	<i>Non ho molta sete.</i>
to <b>be</b> hot (=avere caldo)	ex. <b>Are</b> you <b>hot</b> ?	<i>Hai caldo?</i>
to <b>be</b> cold (=avere freddo)	ex. <b>Aren't</b> they <b>cold</b> in here?	<i>Non hanno freddo qui dentro?</i>
to <b>be</b> sleepy (=avere sonno)	ex. I'm very <b>sleepy</b> today...!	<i>Ho tanto sonno oggi...</i>
to <b>be</b> right (=avere ragione)	ex. You're <b>right</b> ! Jim's here.	<i>Hai ragione! Jim è qui.</i>
to <b>be</b> wrong (=avere torto)	ex. She's <b>wrong</b> . Bob is the winner.	<i>Lei ha torto. E' Bob il vincitore.</i>
to <b>be</b> afraid / frightened (of) (=avere paura di)	ex. We <b>are not afraid</b> of the dark	<i>Non abbiamo paura del buio.</i>
to <b>be</b> in a hurry (=avere fretta)	ex. Sorry but I'm <b>in a hurry</b> !	<i>Mi dispiace ma ho fretta!</i>

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