

# To Be Verb

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Answer Key



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No	Question	Correct Answer	Feedback
1	Your brother ..... at home. He works in his office now. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	c. isn't	" <b>Your brother</b> " subject can be replaced by the <i>third singular personal pronoun 'he'</i> . We use <b>is</b> with third person singular pronouns. The second sentence states the subject is in another place (office) so we should use the <i>negative form</i> in this sentence.
2	His best friend and Tom ..... very sad because of the accident. They don't look alright. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	b. are	" <b>His best friend and Tom</b> " subject can be replaced by the <i>third plural personal pronoun 'they'</i> . We use <b>are</b> with third person singular pronouns.
3	My favourite author's new book ..... on the bookshelves now. I can buy it tomorrow. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	a. is	" <b>My favourite author's new book</b> " subject can be replaced by the <i>third singular personal pronoun 'it'</i> . We use <b>is</b> with third person singular pronouns.
4	Maggie and Tim ..... close friends. They don't often meet. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	d. aren't	" <b>Maggie and Tim</b> " subject can be replaced by the <i>third plural person pronoun 'they'</i> . We use <b>are</b> with the <i>third person plural pronoun (they)</i> . The second sentence states that Maggie and Tim don't see each other frequently, so we should use the <i>negative form</i> in this sentence.
5	Your shoes ..... wet. Don't wear them. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	b. are	" <b>Your shoes</b> " subject can be replaced by the <i>third plural personal pronoun 'they'</i> . We use <b>are</b> with third person singular pronouns. 'Your' is a possessive adjective. It does not determine the form <i>to be</i> .
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7	Every book in his library ..... very valuable. I want to read them all. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	a. is	" <b>Every book in his library</b> " is the subject of this sentence. When the subject comes after " <b>each</b> ", " <b>no</b> ", " <b>every</b> " we use a singular verb, such as <b>is</b> .
8	All of them ..... abroad. They don't live here. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	b. are	" <b>All of them</b> " is the subject of this sentence. after " <b>them</b> " object pronoun we use a plural verb ( <b>are</b> ). However, "All of the cake <b>is</b> eaten." We use <b>is</b> as the verb because <i>cake</i> is an uncountable noun.
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10	The army of the island ..... very big. They have got only ten army officers. a. is            c. isn't b. are          d. aren't	c. isn't	" <b>The army of the island</b> " is the subject of this sentence. <i>Collective nouns (army)</i> are followed by a singular verb ( <b>is</b> ). The second sentence suggests that it is a small army, so we need the negative form.