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Welcome to English

Introductions, Verb 'Be', and More

Key Vocabulary



Nationality

The country you are from or where you have citizenship. For example, if you are from Mexico, your nationality is Mexican.



Contraction

A shorter form of a word or group of words.
For example, 'we are' becomes 'we're'.
Contractions make speech and writing more natural.

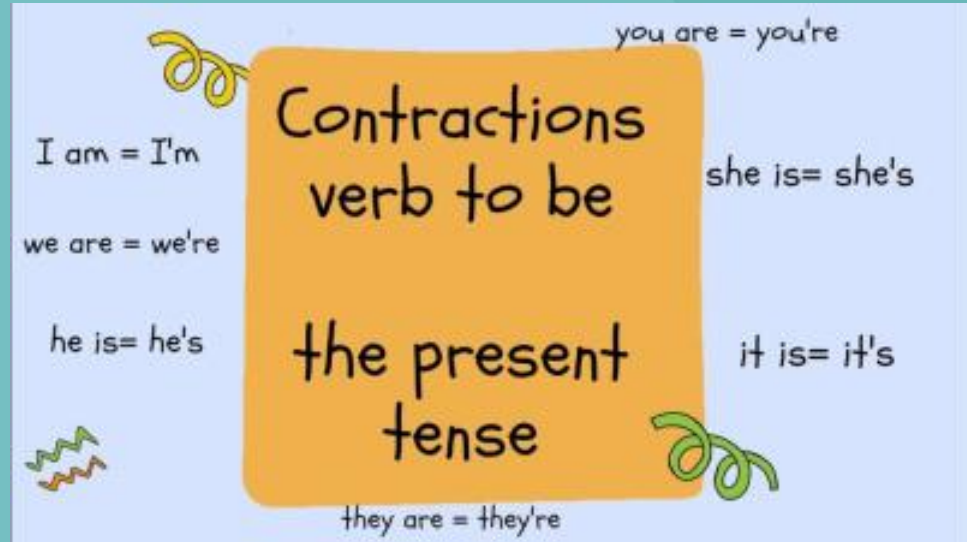
The Verb 'Be': Basics

What is the verb 'be'?

- 'Be' is one of the most common verbs in English.
- It helps us talk about who we are, where we are from, and how we feel.

Examples:

- I am a student. → I'm a student.
- You are from Brazil.
- She is happy.



Pronouns and the Verb 'Be'

Subject Pronouns

- I
- You
- He / She / It
- We
- They

These words replace names in sentences.

Verb 'Be' Forms

- am (with I)
- are (with you, we, they)
- is (with he, she, it)

Example:

- You are a teacher.
- They are students.

Forming Questions with 'Be'



Step 1

Start with the verb 'be' (am, is, are).

Step 2

Add the subject after the verb.

Step 3

Finish with the rest of the sentence.

Example:

Are you from Mexico?

Positive and Negative Answers

Saying Yes

- Repeat the subject and the verb.
- Example: Are you a student? **Yes, I am.**

Saying No

- Add 'not' to the verb.
- Example: Are you a teacher? **No, I am not.**

Contractions

- To sound more natural, use contractions: 'I am not' → 'I'm not', 'You are not' → 'You aren't'.



Pronouns, 'Be', and Contractions



Question 1:

Which form of the verb 'be' do we use with the pronoun 'she'?

Question 2:

How do you form a contraction for 'we are'?

Question 3:

When you answer 'no' to the question 'Are you from the United States?', how can you use a contraction in your answer?

Answers on the next slide...

Pronouns, 'Be', and Contractions



Answer 1:

We use 'is' with the pronoun 'she'.

Answer 2:

The contraction for 'we are' is 'we're', which is a shorter way to say the words.

Answer 3:

You can say 'No, I'm not' as a contracted negative answer.

Describing Yourself



Write your first and last name.

Write your age and country.

Write your nationality.



Example:

My name is Maria Garcia.

I am 25 years old.

I am from Mexico. I am Mexican.

Fill in the blanks

I _____ from Mexico. I _____ Mexican. My _____ is Alex Jones.

Word bank 

am, name, are, he, country, am

Answers on the next slide...

Fill in the blanks



I **am** from Mexico. I **am** Mexican. My **name** is Alex Jones.

Word bank 

am, name, are, he, country, am

Summary: You Did It!

What You Learned

- How to use the verb 'be' in sentences and questions.
- How to answer positively and negatively, with and without contractions.
- How to describe yourself: name, age, country, and nationality.

Keep practicing! The more you use English, the easier it gets.

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