

# THE VERB TO BE

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| TENSE              | FORM                 | EXAMPLE                          |
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| Present Simple     | am/is/are            | She is tired.                    |
| Past Simple        | was/were             | She was tired.                   |
| Present Continuous | am/is/are + being    | She is being polite.             |
| Past Continuous    | was/were + being     | She was being polite.            |
| Present Perfect    | have been / has been | She has been sick lately.        |
| Past Perfect       | had been             | She had been sick several times. |
| Future             | will be              | I will be at home this evening.  |
| Infinitive         | to be                | She wants to be a doctor.        |
| Gerund             | being                | Being a doctor is not easy.      |