

Verb to be: am, is, are, was and were

Learner worksheet - 20 questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle one option or write your answer on the line. In sentence changes, keep the same subject and details.

Standard contractions are accepted where appropriate. There is no timer.

1. Use the present. Complete: I ____ ready for my lesson now.

- A. are
- B. am
- C. is

2. Use the present. Complete: We ____ in the classroom now.

- A. is
- B. am
- C. are

3. Use the present. Complete: My neighbours ____ friendly.

4. Use the past. Complete: I ____ at the dentist yesterday.

- A. was
- B. were
- C. is

5. Use the past. Complete: We ____ at the market yesterday.

6. Use the present. Complete the negative sentence: I ____ free at the moment.

7. Use the present. Complete the negative sentence: The milk ____ fresh today.

- A. do not be
- B. is not
- C. are not

8. Use the present. Complete the negative sentence: The keys ____ in my bag now.

- A. are not
- B. is not
- C. do not be

9. Use the past. Complete the negative sentence: I ___ ill yesterday.

10. Use the past. Complete the negative sentence: They ___ hungry after work yesterday.

- A.** were not
- B.** do not be
- C.** was not

11. Use the present. Question: ___ I in the right room now?

12. Use the present. Question: ___ the library open today?

13. Use the past. Question: ___ your parents in Manchester last weekend?

14. Use the present. Build a yes/no question. Use all the words.

Words: now / Are / rooms / clean / the

15. Use the present. Build a yes/no question. Use all the words.

Words: Are / now / we / safe / here

16. Make it negative: I am ready for my lesson now.

17. Make it negative: You are very helpful.

18. Make a yes/no question: You were early for work yesterday.

19. Correct the sentence: They was at college yesterday.

20. Correct the sentence: Was they at work yesterday?

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Answer key - tutor copy

Accept grammatically correct alternatives that preserve the requested meaning and details, including standard contractions. The online practice may ask for a particular sentence pattern.

1. (B) am
2. (C) are
3. are
4. (A) was
5. were
6. am not
7. (B) is not
8. (A) are not
9. was not
10. (A) were not
11. Am
12. Is
13. Were
14. Are the rooms clean now?
15. Are we safe here now?
16. I am not ready for my lesson now.
17. You are not very helpful.
18. Were you early for work yesterday?
19. They were at college yesterday.
20. Were they at work yesterday?

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