

beginners **PIONEER**

GRAMMAR

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Unit 1 (1b)

The verb *to be* (I, you, we) / Possessive adjectives (my, your, our) / The indefinite article (a/an)

Look at the picture and read the speech bubbles.



A. The verb *to be* (I, you, we)

Affirmative		Negative	
Full Forms	Short Forms	Full Forms	Short Forms
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't

Questions	Short Answers
Am I?	Yes, I am.
Are you?	Yes, you are.
Are we?	Yes, we are.
	No, I'm not.
	No, you're not.
	No, we're not.

We use short forms when we speak and full forms when we write.

Anna: Hello, I'm Anna.

Natalie: Ah, you're Anna Thompson. Nice to meet you.

B. Possessive adjectives (my, your, our)

Personal Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives
I	My
You	Your
We	Our

- We use possessive adjectives to show who something belongs to.
I am a teacher. This is my classroom.
- Possessive adjectives go before nouns, without articles.
A: What's your surname?
B: Our surname's Brown.
A: Are you students?
B: No, we aren't.

C. The indefinite article (a/an)

- We use **a/an** before countable singular nouns.
a doctor a book
- We use **a/an** before adjective + noun but not before adjectives only.
a nice picture But you're nice
- We use **a** when the next word begins with a consonant sound and **an** when the next word begins with a vowel sound.
a nurse an electrician

NOTE Most plural nouns take **-s**.
a student → students

Activities

A. Circle the correct words.

- A:** What's **my / your** name?
B: **Our / My** name's Pierre.
- We **are / am** students. **Your / Our** classroom is very big.
- Your / You're** friend is Paul, not Alfred.
- I'm not / I'm** a dentist and I live in London.

B. Complete the sentences with *a / an*.

- A:** Are you _____ electrician?
B: Yes, I am.
- A:** Are you _____ firefighter?
B: No, I'm not.
- A:** Are you _____ architect?
B: Yes, I am.
- A:** Are you _____ dentist?
B: No, I'm not.
- A:** Are you _____ English teacher?
B: Yes, I am.

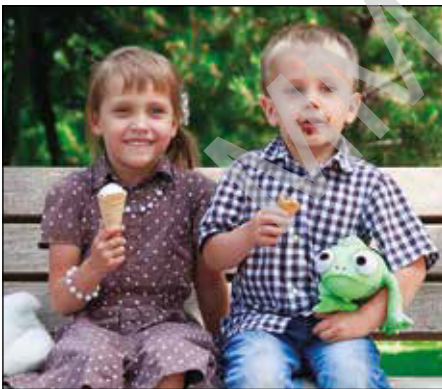
C. Complete the sentences with *am, am not, are, aren't*.

- A:** _____ you a chef or a waiter?
B: I _____ a chef. I _____ a waiter.
- A:** We _____ Paul and Tony.
B: _____ you doctors?
A: No, we _____. We _____ police officers.
- I _____ twenty years old. I _____ only sixteen and I go to school.
- You _____ a teacher. I know you _____ a secretary.

Unit 2 (1c)

The verb *to be* (he, she, it, they) / Possessive adjectives (his, her, their)

Look at the picture and read the paragraph.



This is my brother. **He's** eight and **his** name is Brian. This is my sister. **She is** seven and **her** name is Donna. **They're** very happy! Look at **their** faces!

A. The verb *to be* (he, she, it, they)

Affirmative		
Full Forms	Short Forms	
He is	He's	
She is	She's	
It is	It's	
They are	They're	
Negative		
Full Forms	Short Forms	
He is not	He isn't	
She is not	She isn't	
It is not	It isn't	
They are not	They aren't	
Questions	Short answers	
Is he?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Is she?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Is it?	Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
Are they?	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

B. The verb to be (he, she, it, they) / Possessive adjectives (his, her, their)

Personal Pronouns	Possessive Adjectives
He	His
She	Her
They	Their

- We use **he, his, she** and **her** to talk about people. We use **he** and **his** to talk about boys and men and **she** and **her** to talk about girls and women.
- We use **it** to talk about an animal, a thing or an abstract noun.
*Look at the cat. **It** is black and white.*
- We use **they** and **their** to talk about people, animals, and things.
*Bob is a university student. **He** is twenty years old and **his** surname is King. Sheila is a doctor. **She** is British and **her** surname is Nelson. Paul and Peter are brothers. **They** are architects and **their** business cards are over there.*

Activities

A. Circle the correct words.

1. This **is / are** Mary. **She / He** is a nurse.
2. Mark and Alan **are / is** friends. **They / We** aren't neighbours.
3. Alex is a firefighter. He **aren't / isn't** a police officer.
4. **A: Are / Is** Mr Roberts your teacher?
B: Yes, he are / is.

B. Complete the sentences with *it's, is, or isn't*.

1. **A:** _____ your mobile phone old or new?
B: It _____ new. It _____ old.
2. **A:** Where _____ your bag?
B: _____ over there.
3. The pencil _____ on the table.
4. **A:** What's that?
B: _____ our car.
5. Steve's pen _____ black. It _____ red.
6. **A:** Excuse me, _____ this your umbrella, madam?
B: Oh, yes! _____ brown, right?
A: Yes, here it _____.
B: Thank you.

C. Choose a, b or c.

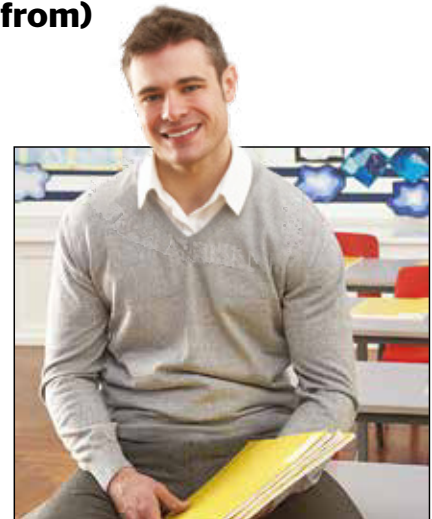
1. Jason _____ from New York.
a. am b. are c. is
2. _____ best friend is Dora.
a. She b. Her c. He
3. Gary and Jack _____ nurses. They're doctors.
a. isn't b. not c. aren't
4. They are neighbours. _____ houses are in this street.
a. My b. Our c. Their
5. Derek isn't a waiter. _____ friend, Carl, is.
a. He's b. He c. His

Unit 3 (1d)

Question words (Who, What, How, How old, Where... from)

Look at the picture and read the speech bubbles.

Who's this?	He's our new Art teacher.
What's his name?	Peter Wilson.
Where is he from?	He's from Bristol.
How old is he?	He's twenty-six years old.



Question words (Who, What, How, How old, Where... from)

Who...?	<p>We ask about people.</p> <p>A: <i>Who are you?</i></p> <p>B: <i>I'm Ken.</i></p>
What...?	<p>We ask about things, animals and actions.</p> <p>A: <i>What's your telephone number?</i></p> <p>B: <i>32568901.</i></p>
How are you...?	<p>We ask about someone's health or to find out someone's news.</p> <p>A: <i>How are you?</i></p> <p>B: <i>I'm fine, thanks.</i></p>
How old...?	<p>We ask about ages.</p> <p>A: <i>How old are you?</i></p> <p>B: <i>I'm 17.</i></p>
Where... (from)?	<p>We ask about places or what country someone is from.</p> <p>A: <i>Where is London?</i></p> <p>B: <i>In England.</i></p> <p>A: <i>Where is Brian?</i></p> <p>B: <i>He's at work.</i></p> <p>A: <i>Where are you from?</i></p> <p>B: <i>I'm from Egypt.</i></p>

Activities

A. Choose a, b or c.

1. '_____ are they?' 'They're my friends, Susan and Tina.'
 a. What b. Who c. Where
2. '_____ 's your email?' 'danroberts@gmail.com.'
 a. How b. What c. Who
3. 'Hello, Lucy! _____ are you today?'
 'Not bad. And you?'
 a. Where b. What c. How
4. '_____ is the chef?' 'He's in the kitchen right now.'
 a. What b. How c. Where
5. '_____ is Thomas from?' 'He's from Brazil.'
 a. Where b. What c. Who
6. '_____ old is your father?' 'He's 45.'
 a. What b. How c. Who

B. Read the answers and write the questions.

1. _____?
 He's my teacher, Mr Williams.
2. _____?
 I'm 30 years old.
3. _____?
 020 8895 3563
4. _____?
 She's from China.
5. _____?
 I'm OK, thanks.
6. _____?
 42 Wivenhoe Road.

Revision 1

A. Use the prompts and the verb *to be* to write questions and answers.

1. Louise / France? (No / Argentina)

2. you / good friends? (Yes)

3. Jason / electrician? (No / bus driver)

4. they / neighbours? (No / friends)

5. you / Irish? (Yes)

6. Tina and Alice / classmates? (No / flatmates)

B. Complete the sentences with the correct possessive adjective.

1. John and I are flatmates. _____ flat is near the city centre.

2. She's from France. _____ name is Juliette.

3. I'm from England. _____ name's William.

4. **A:** Good afternoon, sir. What's _____ surname, please?

B: Brown.

5. Pauline and Becky work together. _____ office is over there.

6. Matt is an architect. _____ office is at 31 Bond Street.

C. Circle the correct words.

1. Martina is **a / an** Spanish teacher.

2. Are you **an / a** secretary?

3. John is **a / an** excellent doctor.

4. My father's **a / an** chef. He works in **a / an** Italian restaurant.

5. **A:** Is Albert **a / an** police officer?

B: No, he isn't. He's **an / a** firefighter.

6. Sandra is **a / an** very good dentist and **an / a** great friend, too.

7. Sally is **a / an** very good nurse, but she's unemployed.

D. Read the answers and write the questions.

1. _____ ?
I'm very well, thank you.

2. _____ ?
She's 27 years old.

3. _____ ?
He's Mr Davidson. He's our English teacher.

4. _____ ?
They're from the UK.

5. _____ ?
51 Park Road.

6. _____ ?
In Spain.

E. Write a few sentences about yourself. Answer the questions below.

- What's your name?
- How old are you?
- Where are you from?
- What do you do?
- What's your address / email address?
- What's your mobile phone number / home number?

I am...
