BASIC English Grammar

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CHAPTER 1
Using *Be*

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What's your name?

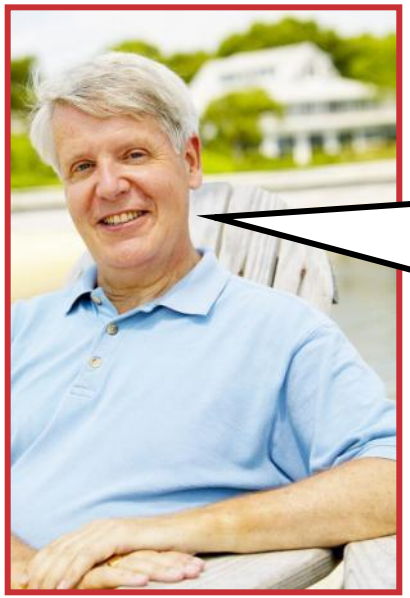
My name is Akela.

First Name	Country
Akela	

What country are you from?

I'm from Kenya.

First Name	Country
Akela	Kenya



What's your name?

My name is Nick.

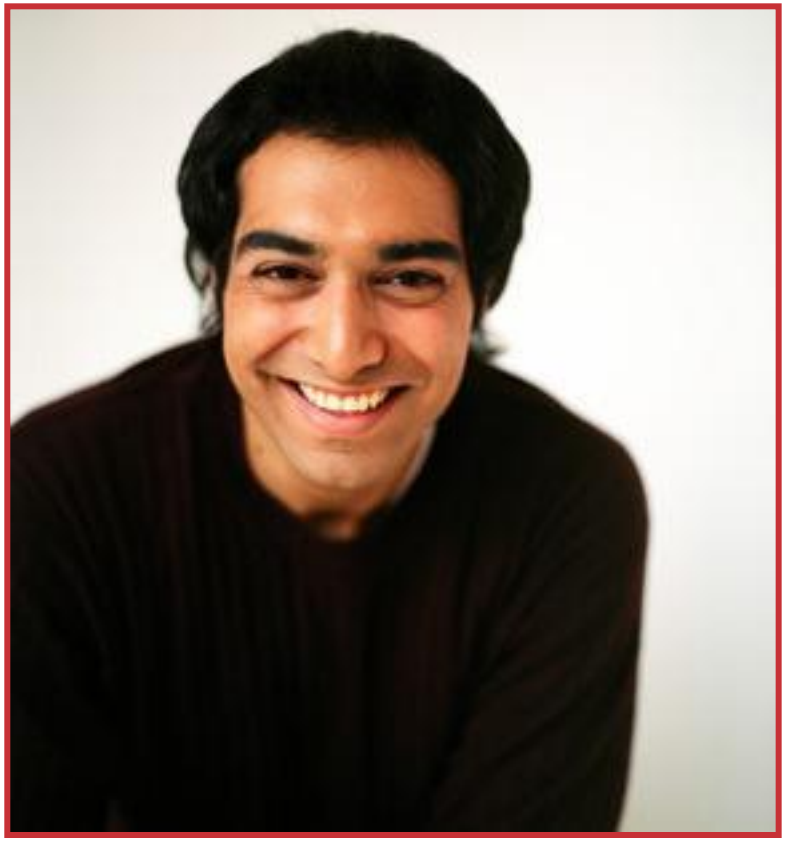
First Name	Country
Akela	Kenya
Nick	

What country are you from?

I'm from Greece.

First Name	Country
Akela	Kenya
Nick	Greece

I am a teacher.



SINGULAR

PRONOUN + *BE* + NOUN

(a) ***I*** ***am*** a teacher.

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PRONOUN + *BE* + NOUN

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(b) ***You*** ***are*** a teacher.

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PRONOUN + *BE* + NOUN

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(b) ***You*** ***are*** a teacher.

(c) ***She*** ***is*** a teacher.

(d) ***He*** ***is*** a teacher.

(e) ***It*** ***is*** a school.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
	PRONOUN + *BE* + NOUN
(a) *I am* a teacher.	(f) ***We*** ***are*** teachers.
(b) *You are* a teacher.	(g) ***You*** ***are*** teachers.
(c) *She is* a teacher.	(h) ***They*** ***are*** teachers.
(d) *He is* a teacher.	
(e) *It is* a school.	

SINGULAR	PLURAL
I am a teacher.	***We are*** teachers.
You are a teacher.	***You are*** teachers.
She is a teacher.	***They are*** teachers.
He is a teacher.	
It is a school.	

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SINGULAR	PLURAL
I am a girl.	We are girls .
You are a girl .	You are girls .
She is a girl .	They are girls .

Canada is a country.

NOUN + *IS* + NOUN

(a) ***Canada*** is ***a country***.

Canada	=	a singular **noun**
is	=	a singular **verb**
country	=	a singular **noun**

(b) Sydney is ***a*** **city.**

A is an article.

A singular nouns

Brazil is a country.

Peru is a country.

Santiago is a city.

(c) ***A*** ***b***utterfly is ***an*** ***i***nsect.

A
An } same meaning

a and an are articles

a chair

a woman

a school

a lion

a bed

a man

a chair

a woman

a school

a lion

a bed

a man

***A* in front of consonants**

an elevator

an egg

an avocado

an elephant

an oven

an ear

an elevator

an egg

an avocado

an elephant

an oven

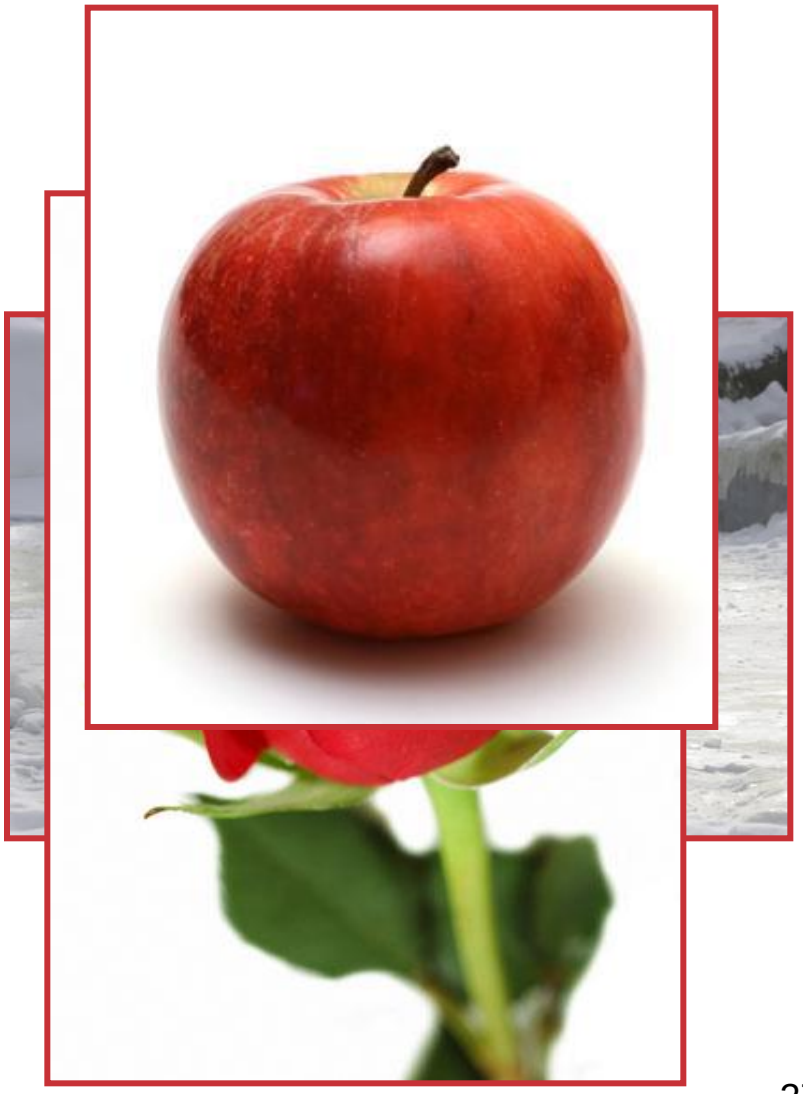
an ear

***An* in front of vowels**

An apple is a fruit.

A bear is an animal.

A rose is a flower.



a an

1. A school is a building.

2. A horse is an animal.

3. An ant is an insect.

4. Soccer is a sport.

Colombia is a country.

Argentina is a country.

Sao Paulo is a city.

building **machine** **shape**

A printer is a _____.

building **machine** **shape**

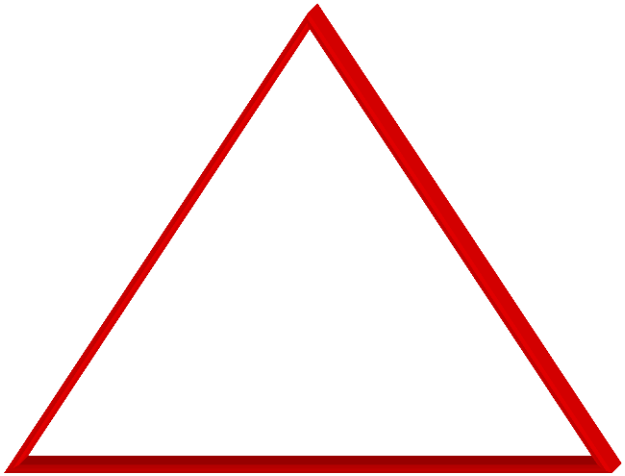
A square is a _____.

building **machine** **shape**

A house is a _____.

building **machine** **shape**

A triangle is a _____.



Ducks are birds.

NOUN + *ARE* + NOUN

(a) ***Ducks*** ***are*** ***birds***.

Ducks	=	a plural **noun**
are	=	a plural **verb**
birds	=	a plural **noun**

(b) SINGULAR: a dog, an animal

PLURAL: *dog**s***, *animal**s***

a and ***an*** – only with **singular** nouns

plural nouns end in -***s***

(c) SINGULAR: a cit***y***, a countr***y***

PLURAL: cit***ies***, countr***ies***

Omit the ***-y*** and add ***-ies***

cit***ies***

(c) SINGULAR: a cit***y***, a countr***y***

PLURAL: cit***ies***, countr***ies***

Omit the ***-y*** and add ***-ies***

countr***ies***

NOUN *and* NOUN + *ARE* + NOUN

(d) ***Italy and Greece are countries.***

(e) ***Bees and ants are bugs.***

singular

A school is a building.

plural

Schools are buildings.

singular

An elephant is an animal.

plural

Elephants are animals.

singular

A swan is a bird.

plural

Swans are birds.

Carrots are vegetables.

yes no

Bees is insects.

yes

no

I'm a teacher.

1-5 CONTRACTIONS WITH *BE*

	PRONOUN + *BE* ⟶ CONTRACTION
AM	*I* + *am* ⟶ ***I'm***

I'm *a teacher*.

1-5 CONTRACTIONS WITH *BE*

	PRONOUN + *BE* ⟶ CONTRACTION
IS	*she* + *is* ⟶ ***she's***
	he + *is* ⟶ ***he's***
	it + *is* ⟶ ***it's***

She's a girl.
He's a boy.
It's a dog.

1-5 CONTRACTIONS WITH *BE*

	PRONOUN + *BE* ⟶ CONTRACTION
ARE	*you* + *are* ⟶ ***you're***
	we + *are* ⟶ ***we're***
	they + *are* ⟶ ***they're***

They're students.

My teacher is a woman.

She's nice.

My dog has four puppies.
<u>They're</u> cute.

I like you.

You're friendly.

I have two sisters.

We're students.

I am not a teacher.

CONTRACTIONS

She's not

She isn't

(a) I ***am not*** a doctor.

(b) You ***are not*** a doctor.

(c) She ***is not*** a doctor.

(d) He ***is not*** a doctor.

CONTRACTIONS

They're not
They aren't
We're not
We aren't

(e) It *is not* a city.

(f) We *are not* doctors.

(g) You *are not* teachers.

(h) They *are not* teachers.

isn't aren't

The women aren't nurses.

they doctors

They're doctors .

isn't aren't

This girl isn't a teacher.

she student

She's a student .

isn't aren't

This animal isn't a dog.

it cat

It's a cat .

A fire is warm.

An elephant is big.
A butterfly is small.
A ball is round.
A fire is warm.
Sarah is happy.

Adjectives describe nouns

NOUN	+	*BE*	+ ADJECTIVE
(a) An orange		is	***round***.
(b) Oranges		are	***round***.
(c) Jane		is	***young***.
(d) Ada and Rob		are	***intelligent***.

PRONOUN	+ *BE* +	ADJECTIVE
(e) I	am	***happy***.
(f) It	is	***round***.
(g) We	are	***young***.

small **rich** **dirty**

He's not clean.
He's dirty .

Deserts aren't wet. They're dry .

sad
sweet
dry

Ice cream is cold.

is
are

cold
warm
small
big

A fire is warm.

is
are

cold
warm
good
bad

The tree is tall .

The bushes are short .

is

are

tall

short

young

old

Janet is at home.

(a) Janet is ***here***.

(b) Bill is ***at the library***.

here = *a place*

at the library = *a place*

be place

(c) Janet is ...

one-word places

downtown

there

upstairs

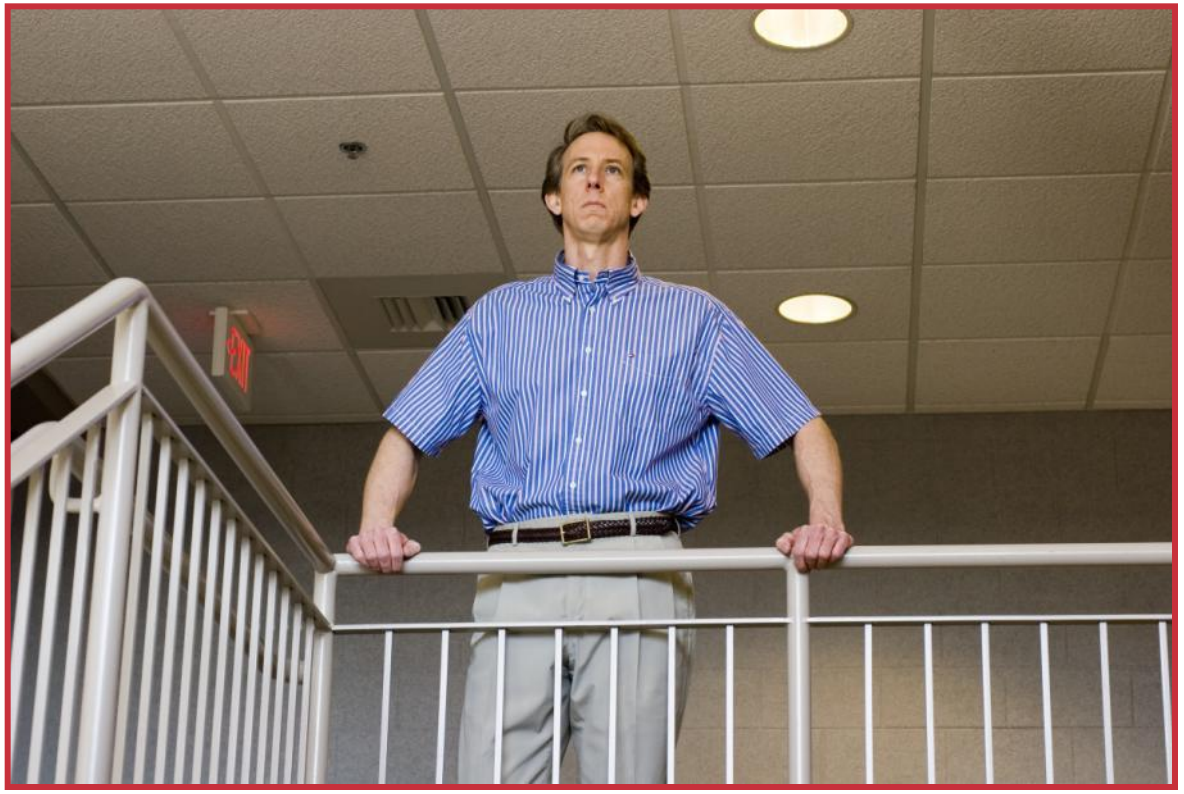
downstairs

inside

outside

Jonas is **outside**.

Luke is **upstairs**.



PREPOSITION + NOUN

(d) Silvia is ***next to*** ***Jenny***.

preposition + *noun* = prepositional phrase

Jara is in the pool.

Lia is on the car.

He is { downtown. / upstairs. / outside. } — *one word*

She is { on the car. / at school. / in the pool. } — *prepositional phrase*

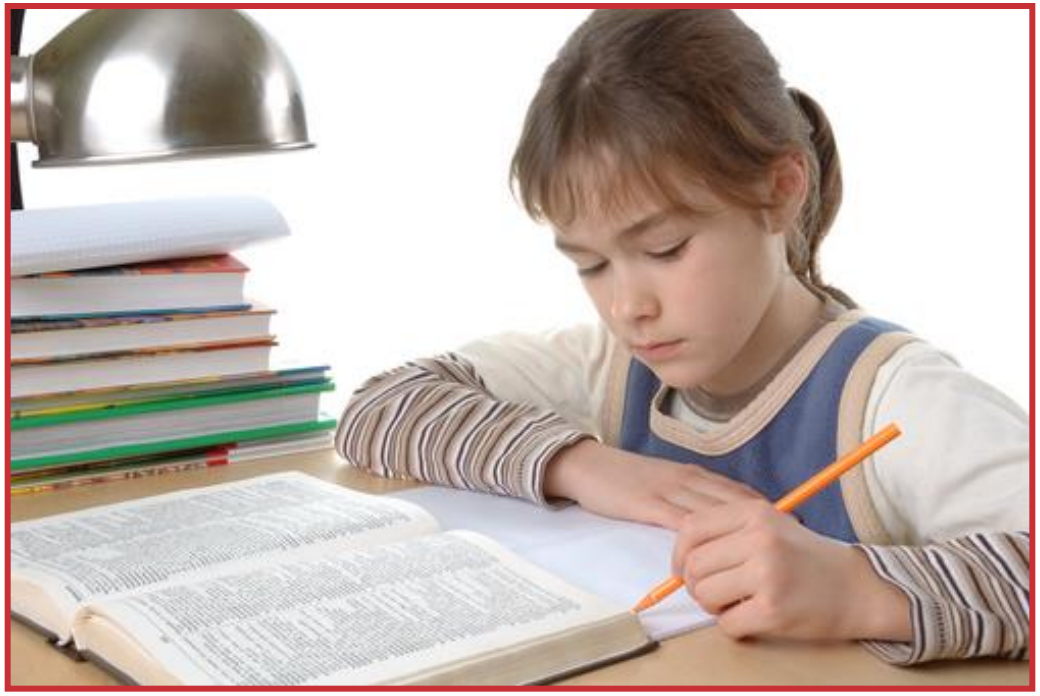
at under above on

The plant is _on_ the table.

downtown
here
outside

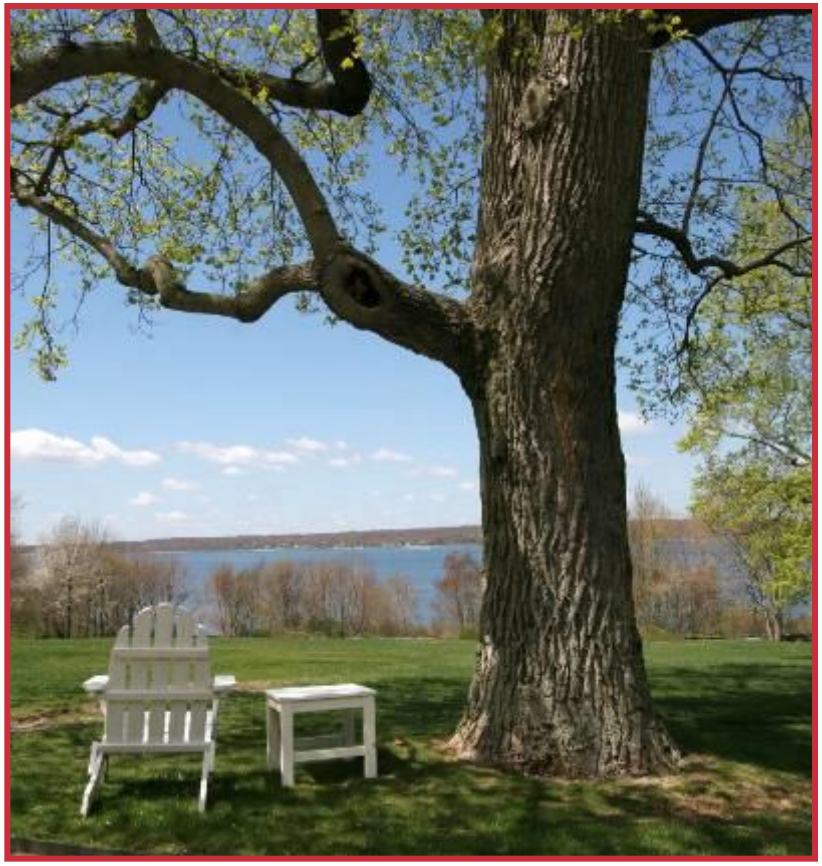
Max is <u>downtown</u>.

Beth is _at_ school.



at
under
next to
on

The table and chair are under the tree.



at
under
above
on

1-9 SUMMARY: BASIC SENTENCE PATTERNS WITH *BE*

An elephant is big.

1-9 SUMMARY: BASIC SENTENCE PATTERNS WITH *BE*

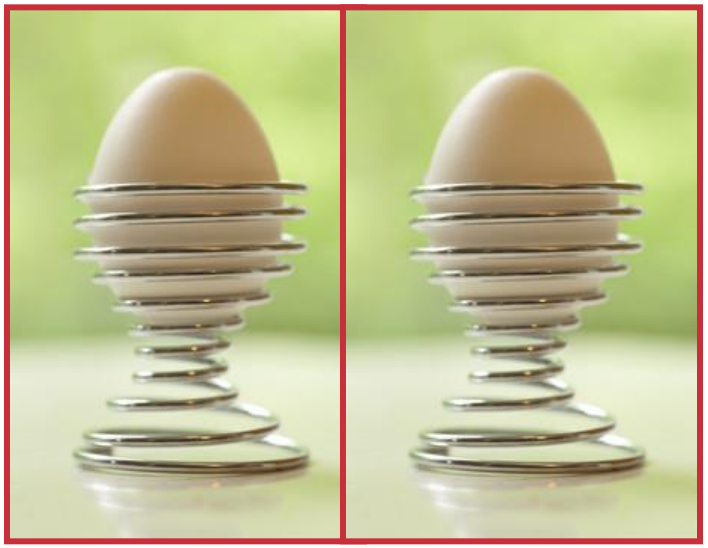
SUBJECT + *BE* +			3 basic completions
(a) I	am	NOUN ***a teacher***.	**a noun**
(b) She	is	ADJECTIVE ***happy***.	**an adjective**
(c) She	is	A PLACE ***at the gym***.	**an expression of place**
(d) I	am	***downstairs***.	

An eagle is a bird.

correct? √

Eggs are healthy.

correct? no



China and Japan are countries.

correct? √

The lion raise big.

correct? no

Three boys are at the beach.

correct? no

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