



Learn English Through Stories

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A Happy Day in the Park by K S Sandhu

My name is Banta. I am from India. I am Punjabi. I am 25 years old. My family is big and nice.

My father is old. He is 60 years old. He is kind. My mother is a good cook. She is friendly. My sister is funny. She is 18 years old. My brother is tall. He is 20 years old. He is clever.

Today we are happy. It is sunny. The sun is hot now. We are in the park. The park is beautiful. The trees are green. The flowers are red, yellow and pink. The sky is blue.

My friend Jaspreet is here. He is from Punjab too. He is a student. His eyes are brown. His hair is black. He is very friendly. We are good friends.

A man is in the park. He is tall. He is from England. He is a teacher. He is nice. He says, "Hello! You are nice students. You are good students."

We are hungry now. My mother is here with food. The food is chapati and sabzi. It is very good. We are happy to eat.

My dog Max is here too. He is small. He is black and white. He is not bad. He is a good dog. He is funny. He runs and plays.

A little girl is near us. She is 10 years old. She is from Mexico. Her eyes are green. She is happy. She says, "I am hot!" We laugh because it is hot today.

In the evening, it is nine o'clock. We are tired but happy. My family is together. My friends are here. We are all friends.

We are Punjabi. We are Indian. But today, we are all happy in the park. Life is good!

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the verb to be (1)

FORM

affirmative

I	am	happy.
You		
We	are	
They		
He		
She	is	
It		

short forms

In spoken and informal English, it is natural to use short forms of the verb to be.

I	am	=	I'm
You	are	=	You're
We	are	=	We're
They	are	=	They're
He	is	=	He's
She	is	=	She's
It	is	=	It's

We can also use short forms with names.

John is tall. = John's tall.

London is a very big city. = London's a very big city.

USE

We use the verb to be to talk about

- ages. *I'm 16 and my brother is six.*
- occupations. *She's a student and her parents are teachers.*
- prices. *This watch is £30.*
- the time. *It's nine o'clock.*
- feelings and states. *I'm hungry.*
- nationality. *They're Argentinian.*
- colours. *His eyes are blue.*

Exercises

1 Complete the spaces with *is, are, or am*.

- a Cars *are* expensive.
- b John a student.
- c I the best in the class.
- d My sister a teacher.
- e The train late again.
- f You in class 3B.
- g That computer very slow.
- h It cold today.
- i We interested in shopping.
- j I tired.
- k Stephanie and Luke from Canada.

2 Rewrite these sentences using the short form.

- a She is funny. *She's funny.*
- b They are clever.
- c We are cold.
- d I am an astronaut.
- e He is tall.
- f You are friendly.
- g They are kind.
- h She is a good teacher.
- i They are bad dogs.
- j You are nice students.
- k Sally is 15 years old.



3 Use the prompts to write a sentence. Use short forms.

- a He / angry *He's angry.*
- b They / happy
- c It / hot now
- d You / intelligent
- e We / unhappy today
- f I / a doctor
- g You / good students
- h She / from Mexico
- i My eyes / green
- j We / Australian
- k Michael / young

Answers

Unit 1

Ex 1

a are b is c am d is e is f are g is h is
i are j am k are

Ex 2

a She's funny. b They're clever. c We're cold.
d I'm an astronaut. e He's tall. f You're friendly.
g They're kind. h She's a good teacher.
i They're bad dogs. j You're nice students.
k Sally's 15 years old.

Ex 3

a He's angry. b They're happy. c It's hot now.
d You're intelligent. e We're unhappy today.
f I'm a doctor. g You're good students.
h She's from Mexico. i My eyes are green.
j We're Australian. k Michael's young.