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Basics: Present Forms of the Verb "To Be"

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1. Help Sarah vent about her disastrous college group project. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use the present forms of the verb "to be" (am/is/are).

Select all that apply.

- **A)** My group members are completely ignoring my messages.
- **B)** The deadline are tomorrow at midnight!
- **C)** You are the only one who understands my pain.
- **D)** I are doing all the work by myself.
- **E)** This whole situation is a nightmare.

2. Help the detective finish her dramatic case notes.

"The prime suspect ___ an alien masquerading as a high school physics teacher."

Select one.

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are
- **D)** be

3. Complete the detective's interrogation transcript by selecting the correct verbs.

"Let's get straight to the facts," the detective growled. "_____ you the mastermind behind the great donut heist of 2023? And _____ that powdered sugar all over your shirt? Let me be clear: I _____ not amused by your pastry-related crimes."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** Are
- **B)** Is
- **C)** Am

Blank 2

- **A)** are
- **B)** is
- **C)** am

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

4. Assist the brave student in documenting the suspicious cafeteria meal for the school newspaper. Match each blank with the appropriate verb.

Wait, what exactly is this? The mystery meat _____ moving, but it looks highly suspicious. The mashed potatoes _____ glowing slightly in the dark. I _____ definitely ordering a pizza tonight instead!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** isn't
- **B)** aren't
- **C)** am not

Blank 2

- **A)** are
- **B)** is
- **C)** am

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

5. Choose the correct words to complete the tour guide's shockingly honest speech.

Welcome to Blackwood Castle! We _____ currently standing in the Great Hall. I should probably tell you that the famous ghost of Sir Reginald _____ not actually real. It's just a trick with some mirrors. Honestly, I _____ just a theater major trying to pay off my student loans, so please act scared anyway!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 2

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

6. Complete the dramatic diary entry of a high-school student trying to survive finals week. Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

My biology textbook _____ heavier than a small car. The final exams _____ approaching faster than a cheetah on roller skates. Thankfully, I _____ fueled entirely by coffee and sheer panic.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is
- **B)** are
- **C)** am

Blank 2

- **A)** are
- **B)** is
- **C)** am

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** are
- **C)** is

7. Help the college freshman complete her email to her parents about her chaotic new roommates. Choose the correct verb for each blank.

My roommate Dave _____ obsessed with collecting rubber ducks. I _____ slowly losing my mind because they squeak all night. We _____ definitely going to need some heavy-duty earplugs!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** is
- **B)** am
- **C)** are

Blank 2

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 3

- **A)** are
- **B)** is
- **C)** am

8. Complete the freshman's text message to their mom.

"Don't worry, Mom! I ___ eating enough vegetables, although mostly they are just the lettuce on my tacos."

Select one.

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are
- **D)** be

9. Help freshman Leo complete his slightly desperate email home by choosing the correct verb forms.

Dear Mom and Dad,

College is great, but I _____ surviving mostly on instant noodles. My new roommate, Dave, _____ completely obsessed with his pet iguana. The worst part is that the iguana's heat lamps _____ keeping me awake all night. Please send coffee!

Love,
Leo

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 2

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

10. Fill in the gaps in the exhausted barista's text message to a friend.

Morning shift update: The espresso machine _____ broken again, so customers are furious. To make matters worse, my manager and the head baker _____ arguing loudly in the back room about muffins. Right now, I _____ hiding behind a giant pile of coffee beans until it's safe to come out.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 2

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

Blank 3

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are

11. Complete the observant barista's thought process during the morning rush.

"Those three students in the corner ___ definitely pretending to study while actually watching cat videos."

Select one.

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are
- **D)** be

12. Help the local superhero set up their secret online dating profile. Select ALL the options that correctly use the present forms of "to be" to complete their bio.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I am looking for someone who doesn't mind cape-related accidents.
- **B)** My archnemesis are extremely annoying, but he has a cute dog.
- **C)** Weekends are usually spent fighting crime or doing laundry.
- **D)** My superpower is invisibility, which are great for awkward dates.

13. Finish the dramatic text sent by a best friend.

"You ___ the only person in the world who understands my deep, spiritual connection to pizza."

Select one.

- **A)** am
- **B)** is
- **C)** are
- **D)** be

14. Complete the food critic's review of the weird new campus dining hall. Read the sentence below and select ALL the subjects that grammatically fit the singular verb "is".

"Believe it or not, _____ **is** the best thing on the menu today."

Select all that apply.

- **A)** the mystery meatloaf
- **B)** those neon green peas
- **C)** this slice of cold pizza
- **D)** the stale french fries

15. Read these panicked text messages about a missing pet. Select ALL the sentences that correctly apply the present forms of the verb "to be".

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I am freaking out right now!
- **B)** He are usually hiding under the sofa.
- **C)** My roommate's iguana is missing.
- **D)** We is going to be in so much trouble.
- **E)** They are incredibly fast for reptiles!