

Pre-Lesson Comprehension

Target Language: *be verbs (closed questions)*

Focus: You will be able to ask and answer *closed questions* with the verb *be* at the end of this lesson.

Read and understand the target language below.

We can use **be verbs** to ask and answer closed questions. These are also called yes/no questions. The sentence structure is: **be verb + subject + object**. For example:

- **Is** he from America?
- **Are** you Steve?
- **Is** she happy?

We answer with "yes" or "no," then the subject and verb. You should always try to give a complete sentence because it's good for practice.

Q: **Is** he from America?

A: Yes, he **is** (from America).

Q: **Is** he from America?

A: No, he **isn't** (from America).

Q: **Are** you Steve?

A: Yes, I **am** (Steve).

Q: **Are** you Steve?

A: No, I'm **not** (Steve).

Here is a more advanced point!

You should try to add more information when you answer the question. The information can give more detail. It can also give correct information. For example:

Q: **Are** you from America?

A: Yes, I **am** (from America). I'm from Chicago.

Q: **Are** you from America?

A: No, I'm **not** (from America). I'm from Canada.

Q: **Is** she happy?

A: Yes, she **is** (happy). She passed her test.

Q: **Is** she happy?

A: No, she **isn't** (happy). She is sad.

Pre-Lesson Practice

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Practice: Now try some activities to help you use the target language.

Correct the five mistakes in the dialogue below. Then practice the conversation.

Tim: Excuse me. Is you Rich?

Rich: Yes, I be. Is you Tim?

Tim: Yes, I be. It's nice to meet you.

Rich: Nice to meet you too.

Tim: Is you hungry? There is a good restaurant nearby.

Rich: No, I'm not hungry. I'm thirsty.

Tim: Then let's get a coffee.

Rich: Sounds good. Let's go.

Complete the questions with the correct be verb.

1: _____ he sick?

2: _____ they students?

3: _____ you Samantha?

4: _____ she tired?

5: _____ you hungry?

6: _____ this your notebook?

7: _____ you from Korea?

8: _____ she from the US?