

Nice to Meet You

Lesson 1 · Verb "to be" · A1 Level · 30 minutes

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GRAMMAR

BEGINNER

30 MIN

★ In this lesson you will learn to:

- Say hello in English
- Introduce yourself: name, country, job
- Use **am**, **is**, and **are** correctly
- Talk about you, your friends and your family

1 Warm-Up: Say Hello!

In English, we say different greetings at different times of the day. Learn these four common ways to say hello.

● Good morning	◆ Good afternoon	▼ Good evening	★ Hi / Hello
6 a.m. – 12 p.m.	12 p.m. – 6 p.m.	6 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Any time

◆ When you meet someone for the first time:

→ You say: "**Nice to meet you!**"

→ The other person answers: "**Nice to meet you too!**"

2 Meet Three New Friends

Read this short text. Three people are in London for an English course. Pay attention to the words **am**, **is**, **are** — they are **highlighted** for you.

Three People in London

"Hello! Welcome to our English class."

Hi! My name **is** Anna. I **am** 28 years old. I **am** from Rome, Italy. I **am** a teacher. I **am** in London now. I **am** here for a language course.

This **is** Marco. He **is** my new friend. He **is** 30 years old. He **is** from São Paulo, Brazil. He **is** an engineer. He **is** a kind man.

Her name **is** Yuki. She **is** from Tokyo, Japan. She **is** 26 years old. She **is** a doctor. She **is** very smart.

We **are** all new here. We **are** at an English school. The school **is** in central London. Our teacher's name **is** Mr Brown. He **is** English. He **is** very nice. On the first day, he says: "Good

morning, everyone. You **are** my new students. You **are** all very welcome!"

Our classmates **are** from many countries. Mohamed **is** from Cairo, Egypt. He **is** a student. Laura and Tom **are** from Berlin, Germany. They **are** married. They **are** both engineers.

The classroom **is** big and bright. It **is** on the second floor. The chairs **are** comfortable. We **are** all happy. We **are** ready to learn English!

Anna · ITALY

Rome · Teacher · Age 28

Marco · BRAZIL

São Paulo · Engineer · Age 30

Yuki · JAPAN

Tokyo · Doctor · Age 26

3 Key Words

These are the most important new words from the text. Study them carefully before moving on.

Word	Meaning	Example
hello	a polite greeting	<i>Hello! How are you?</i>
hi	an informal hello	<i>Hi Anna! Nice to see you.</i>
name	what you call someone	<i>My name is Marco.</i>
friend	a person you like	<i>He is my best friend.</i>
teacher	a person who teaches	<i>Mr Brown is a teacher.</i>
student	a person who studies	<i>I am a student of English.</i>
doctor	a person who helps sick people	<i>Yuki is a doctor.</i>
engineer	a person who builds or designs things	<i>Marco is an engineer.</i>
school	a place for learning	<i>The school is in London.</i>
classroom	a room in a school	<i>Our classroom is big.</i>
country	a place like Italy or Japan	<i>Japan is my country.</i>
city	a big town like London	<i>London is a big city.</i>
new	not old	<i>He is a new student.</i>
nice	kind and friendly	<i>She is very nice.</i>
big	large, not small	<i>The classroom is big.</i>
happy	feeling good	<i>We are happy today.</i>
here	in this place	<i>I am here in London.</i>
now	at this moment	<i>I am at school now.</i>
married	has a husband or wife	<i>They are married.</i>
welcome	happy to see you	<i>You are welcome here.</i>

4 Grammar Focus: The Verb "to be"

The verb **to be** has three forms in the present: **am**, **is**, **are**. This is the most important verb in English.

► The Forms of "to be" — Affirmative

Subject	Full form	Short form	Example
I	am	I'm	<i>I'm a teacher.</i>
You	are	You're	<i>You're welcome.</i>
He	is	He's	<i>He's from Brazil.</i>
She	is	She's	<i>She's a doctor.</i>
It	is	It's	<i>It's a big school.</i>
We	are	We're	<i>We're happy.</i>
They	are	They're	<i>They're married.</i>

★ **Speaking Tip:** In conversation, we usually use the short form. Say "**I'm Anna**", not "*I am Anna*". It sounds more natural.

! **Remember:** Use **is** for *he / she / it* and for one person or thing. Use **are** for *you / we / they* and for two or more people or things.

5 Exercise A: Am, Is, or Are?

Circle the correct form of **to be** for each sentence.

No.	Sentence	Choices
1	I ___ from Italy.	am / is / are
2	Marco ___ an engineer.	am / is / are
3	We ___ in London.	am / is / are
4	Yuki ___ from Japan.	am / is / are
5	You ___ welcome here.	am / is / are
6	The classroom ___ big.	am / is / are
7	Laura and Tom ___ married.	am / is / are
8	I ___ a student.	am / is / are
9	It ___ a nice school.	am / is / are
10	They ___ from Germany.	am / is / are

✓ Answer Key — Exercise A

1. am 2. is 3. are 4. is 5. are 6. is 7. are 8. am 9. is 10. are

6 Exercise B: Quick Check Quiz

Six questions about the text and the grammar. Circle the best answer.

1. Anna is from...

A. London	B. Rome	C. Tokyo	D. Berlin
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2. What is Marco's job?

A. teacher	B. doctor	C. engineer	D. student
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3. Yuki is ___ years old.

A. 26	B. 28	C. 30	D. 32
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4. Which sentence is correct?

A. I is a student.	B. I am a student.	C. I are a student.	D. I be a student.
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5. Choose the correct short form of 'she is':

A. she'is	B. she's	C. shes	D. she're
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6. 'Laura and Tom ___ from Germany.' Choose the correct word:

A. am	B. is	C. are	D. be
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✓ Answer Key — Exercise B

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. B 5. B 6. C

7 Exercise C: Fill in the Blanks

Write the correct form of **to be** (am / is / are) in each blank.

1	Hi! I _____ Ahmet.
2	My teacher _____ from England.
3	You _____ a very good student.
4	We _____ in the classroom now.
5	The book _____ on the table.
6	Anna and Marco _____ friends.
7	It _____ a nice day today.
8	I _____ happy to be here.

✓ Answer Key — Exercise C

1. Hi! I **am** Ahmet.
2. My teacher **is** from England.
3. You **are** a very good student.
4. We **are** in the classroom now.
5. The book **is** on the table.
6. Anna and Marco **are** friends.
7. It **is** a nice day today.
8. I **am** happy to be here.

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Now It's Your Turn

Time to use what you learned. Speak first, then write.

► Speaking Task: Introduce Yourself

Stand up and tell the class five things about you. Use the model below as a guide.

Model:

"Hello! My name **is** Anna. I **am** from Italy. I **am** 28 years old. I **am** a teacher. I **am** here to learn English. Nice to meet you!"

Your turn. Talk about:

- Your name
- Your country or city
- Your age (*optional*)
- Your job
- Why you study English

► Writing Task: Write About a Person

Write **5 sentences** about a friend or a family member. Use *he is* or *she is*.

Model:

"This **is** my sister. Her name **is** Elif. She **is** 32 years old. She **is** from Istanbul. She **is** a nurse. She **is** very kind."

Write your sentences here:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

★ Lesson Complete! ★

Check what you can do now:

1	2	3	4
I can say hello in English	I can introduce myself	I can use am / is / are	I can talk about others

Congratulations on finishing Lesson 1!

Next up → Lesson 2: "Are You Ready?" (Verb to be — negatives & questions)