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Decide which linking verb you should use in the following sentences.

# VERBS - LINKING VERBS

| Fill in each space | with <b>is</b> or <b>are</b> . Type | your answer in the spa  | ace provided    |  |  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|--|
| This orange        | _sour.                              | The dog                 | barking.        |  |  |
| These oranges      | sour.                               | The dogs                | barking.        |  |  |
|                    |                                     |                         |                 |  |  |
| the house of       | old?                                | the eg                  | g fresh?        |  |  |
| the houses old?    |                                     | the eg                  | the eggs fresh? |  |  |
|                    |                                     |                         |                 |  |  |
| Choose the right   | word from the pair a                | bove to fill each space |                 |  |  |
| a) John            | _ ill, but his brother              | well.                   |                 |  |  |
| b) The hens        | laying, so the far                  | merpleased              |                 |  |  |
| c) The sea         | rough and the w                     | aveshigh.               |                 |  |  |
| d) The children _  | playing in                          | the park.               |                 |  |  |
| e) School          | over and we                         | going home.             |                 |  |  |

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#### Content

- 1. "to be" verb in its present tense
- 2. "to be" verb in its past tense
- 3. "to be" verb in its past tense

#### THE "TO BE" VERB IN ITS PRESENT TENSE:

The verb "to be" is used many times in English. **Am**, **is** and **are** are in the present. Here are some examples of their usage. What do you observe?



"I am building a castle".



He **is** scared.



She is crying.



This **is** a bat.



They **are** eating.

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## THE "TO BE" VERB IN ITS PAST TENSE.

We use was with **I**, **she**, **he**, and **it**. We use were with **we**, **you**, and **they**. Here are some examples.







I was very hungry.

She was not happy to go to school.

They were very sad.



He was a dirty dog.

If you are forming a question you change the order. So the sentences would look like this.

- 1. Were you hungry?
- 2. Was she happy to go to school?
- 3. Was he a dirty dog?
- 4. Were they very sad?

## THE "TO BE" VERB IN ITS FUTURE TENSE

The simple future tense of the verb to be is will. The form remains the same regardless of the pronoun. Here are some examples.



I will pick the corn tomorrow.



He will drive for one hour.



She will eat everything on the plate



They will catch lots of fish.



I will free the owl later.



It will be windy until tomorrow.

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| Select the        | appropriate        | e verb to comp   | lete the | e sentence be | elow.      |                  |       |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|------------|------------------|-------|
| 1. I              | finisl             | n my homewor     | k soon.  |               |            |                  |       |
|                   | am                 | is               | are      | wil           | 1          |                  |       |
| Select whe tense. | ether the ve       | erb bolded in th | ne sente | ence below i  | s in the p | oast tense, or f | uture |
| 2. I <b>wi</b>    | <b>ll wipe</b> the | table for you.   | I        | future ten    | se         | past tense       |       |
| Complete          | the followi        | ing sentences u  | ising th | e "to be" ve  | rb in the  | future tense.    |       |
| 1. I              | _there soo         | n.               |          |               |            |                  |       |
| 2. She            | very               | tired.           |          |               |            |                  |       |
| 3. The duc        | ks                 | _ wading in th   | e pond.  |               |            |                  |       |
| 4. He             | worki              | ing late tonight | t.       |               |            |                  |       |
| 5. Where _        | yo                 | u go tomorrow    | /?       |               |            |                  |       |
| 6. They           | not                | be here.         |          |               |            |                  |       |
| 7. You            | not s              | tay here.        |          |               |            |                  |       |
| 8. I              | _sleep wh          | nile you watch   | televisi | ion.          |            |                  |       |
| 9. The boy        | у                  | running aroun    | d the pa | ark.          |            |                  |       |
| 10. The gir       | rls                | _ dancing at th  | e ball.  |               |            |                  |       |
| 11. I             | write y            | ou the letter.   |          |               |            |                  |       |

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