

To be

To be – in the present tense	
I	am
you	are
he, she, it	is*
we	are
you	are
they	are

Remember
that there is an
–s on the verb
in 3rd person
present tense!

To be – in the past tense	
I	was
you	were
he, she, it	was
we	were
you	were
they	were

**Note that the
verb in past
tense (as the
only verb of
all) is not the
same in all
forms.**

Put in the right form of "to be" in the PRESENT TENSE:

1. I _____ ready for bed.
2. My friend and I _____ going to the cinema.
3. You _____ both in charge here! Do not argue!
4. It _____ a totally lie!
5. We _____ 25 pupils in my class.
6. The room _____ very hot because of the sun.
7. You _____ never in time for our appointments.
8. She _____ much taller than her brother.
9. He _____ on his way to London.
10. Your new necklace _____ very pretty.

Put in the right form of "to be" in the PAST TENSE:

1. The eyes of the cow _____ soft and warm.
2. I _____ born in Copenhagen.
3. It _____ their first skiing holiday.
4. You _____ very lucky last year.
5. She _____ the best hairdresser in town.
6. We _____ at a fabulous party last night.
7. The letter _____ a fake.
8. The meal _____ so delightful.
9. The player _____ very hungry after the match.
10. They _____ all very excited about their presents.

To be – in the present perfect	
I	have been
you	have been
he, she, it	has been*
we	have been
you	have been
they	have been

Remember that there is an –s on the auxiliary verb in 3rd person present perfect!

To be – in the pluperfect	
I	had been
you	had been
he, she, it	had been
we	had been
you	had been
they	had been

Note that in the pluperfect there is only one form!

Put in the right form of "to be" in the PRESENT PERFECT:

1. He _____ a good friend of the family for years.
2. We _____ to Mexico twice.
3. It _____ a mystery for centuries.
4. They _____ playing tennis for three hours now.
5. Paul and I _____ never _____ to town together.
6. The walls _____ coloured all over.
7. I _____ a complete fool!
8. She _____ shopping all day.
9. You _____ always _____ interested in birds, right?
10. The cat _____ missing for two weeks now.

Put in the right form of "to be" in the PAST TENSE:

1. They _____ to a great performance.
2. I _____ a policeman today if I _____
_____ able to decide for myself.
3. Moving to Canada _____ quite a challenge to her.
4. He _____ not _____ on time for their last three meetings.
5. The newspaper _____ delivered at a wrong address.
6. The spots on his back _____ there.
7. That year the water _____ extremely cold.
8. She _____ a waitress when she was young.
9. We _____ through all papers many times.
10. You _____ always _____ her favourite.