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GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

'Be' Verb ... or No 'Be' Verb?

I	am		
You	are	NOUN	a student.
He	is	ADJECTIVE	busy.
She	is	VERB + "ING"	studying.
It	is	PREPOSITION	in the class.
We	are		
They	are		

I		work.
You		work.
He		works.
She	VERB	works.
It		works.
We		work.
They		work.

- Complete each of the sentences below. Decide whether or not to use a 'be' verb.

1. (*work*) My father works in a large office.
2. (*tall*) My classmate is tall.
3. (*at the library*) The students _____.
4. (*a big country*) Canada _____.
5. (*know*) Richard _____ the answer to the question.
6. (*late*) Oh, no! I _____ for class!
7. (*tired*) They _____ today.
8. (*live*) We _____ in an apartment downtown.
9. (*watching TV*) The kids _____.
10. (*a fireman*) My uncle _____.
11. (*on the table*) Her books _____.
12. (*driving*) The taxi driver _____ the passenger.
13. (*studying*) I _____ English.
14. (*dangerous*) Lions _____.
15. (*eat*) Robert _____ breakfast at six o'clock.

Grammar Focus 'Be' verb ... or No 'Be' verb?

Level Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

*Optional extension activity: Change the sentences into negative statements.

1. My father **works** in a large office. (*Negative: My father doesn't work in a large office.*)
2. My classmate **is tall**. (*Negative: My classmate isn't tall.*)
3. The students **are at the library**. (*Negative: The students aren't at the library.*)
4. Canada **is a big country**. (*Negative: Canada isn't a big country.*)
5. Richard **knows** the answer to the question. (*Negative: Richard doesn't know the*)
6. Oh, no! I **am late** for class! (*Negative: I'm not late for class!*)
7. They **are tired** today. (*Negative: They aren't tired today.*)
8. We **live** in an apartment downtown. (*Negative: We don't live in an apartment...*)
9. The kids **are watching TV**. (*Negative: The kids aren't watching TV.*)
10. My uncle **is a fireman**. (*Negative: My uncle isn't a fireman.*)
11. Her books **are on the table**. (*Negative: Her books aren't on the table.*)
12. The taxi driver **is driving** the passenger. (*Negative: The taxi driver isn't driving....*)
13. I **am studying** English. (*Negative: I am not studying English.*)
14. Lions **are dangerous**. (*Negative: Lions aren't dangerous.*)
15. Robert **eats** breakfast at six o'clock. (*Negative: Robert doesn't eat breakfast*)

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My Notes

