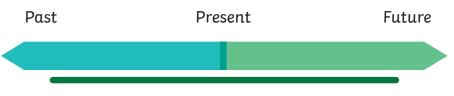
## Grammar Review: The Verb 'Be' in the Present Tense

We use 'be' for things that exist. We use the present simple for facts that are true all the time, or routinely true.

## Present simple timeline:



Facts and generalisations

'Be' changes for different subjects.

| I   |   | am  |  |
|---|---|-----|--|
| You   |   | are |  |
| <b>He</b><br>Sam<br>Mr Smith                | My friend Ben<br>My dad                     | is  |  |
| <b>She</b><br>Becky<br>Maria                | My sister<br>My mum                         | is  |  |
| <b>It</b><br>My phone<br>This house         | My pencil<br>An apple                       | is  |  |
| <b>We</b><br>Becky and I<br>My family and I | My friends and I                            | are |  |
| <b>They</b> These houses My pencils         | These apples<br>My friends<br>Becky and Sam | are |  |





Form and example sentences:

| Subject | Affirmative   | Negative   | Open<br>Question   | Closed<br>Question   | Short<br>Answers                 |
|---------|---|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| I       | <u><b>I'm</b></u> ten<br>years old.                           | <u>I'm</u> not ten<br>years old.                                     | How old <b>am I</b> ?  | Am I ten years old?  | Yes, I am.<br>No, I'm not.       |
| you     | <b>You're</b> ten years old.                                  | You aren't ten<br>years old.   | How<br>old <u>are you</u> ?  | Are you ten years old?   | Yes, you are.<br>No, you aren't. |
| he      | He's ten years old. Sam's ten years old.                      | He isn't ten years old. Sam isn't ten years old.                     | How old is he? How old is Sam?   | Is he ten years old? Is Sam ten years old?                     | Yes, he is.<br>No, he isn't.     |
| she     | She's ten<br>years old.<br>Becky's ten                        | She isn't ten<br>years old.<br>Becky isn't ten                       | How old <u>is she</u> ?  | Is she ten years old? Is Becky ten                             | Yes, she is. No, she isn't.      |
| it      | years old.  It's ten years old.  This house is ten years old. | years old.  It isn't ten years old.  This house isn't ten years old. | old <u>is Becky</u> ?  How old <u>is it</u> ?  How old <u>is</u> this house?           | years old?  Is it ten years old?  Is this house ten years old? | Yes, it is.<br>No, it isn't.     |
| we      | We're ten years old. Becky and I are ten years old.           | We aren't ten years old.  Becky and I aren't ten years old.          | How<br>old <b>are we</b> ?<br>How old <b>are</b><br><b>Becky and I</b> ?               | Are we ten years old? Are Becky and I ten years old?           | Yes, we are.<br>No, we aren't.   |
| they    | They're ten years old.  Becky and Sam are ten years old.      | They aren't ten years old.  Becky and Sam aren't ten years old.      | How<br>old <b>are they</b> ?<br>How old <b>are</b><br><b>Becky and</b><br><b>Sam</b> ? | Are they ten years old?  Are Becky and Sam ten years old?      | Yes, they are. No, they aren't.  |



