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Verbs: Is, Am, Are, Was, Were

THINK

Underline the being verbs in the paragraph.

Adhir is from Asansol and Piu and Isaac are from Cuttack. Asansol and Cuttack are both towns in eastern India. Kandy is a city in Sri Lanka. Nupur was in Kandy during her winter vacations. Adhir, Piu and Isaac are her friends. They were in the same class last year. Isaac is now in a different section. They still meet all the time. Piu asked, 'I am free this Saturday. Are you free too?'



Knowledge of India



Global Awareness

LEARN

You have learnt that **is**, **am**, **are**, **was** and **were** tell us what someone or something is doing, and when. They are called **being verbs**.

The choice of the being verb depends on the time being talked about, the person speaking and the number of people being spoken about.

	now	before
he/she/it/singular nouns	is	was
I	am	was
we/they/you/plural nouns	are	were

Let us look at some examples.

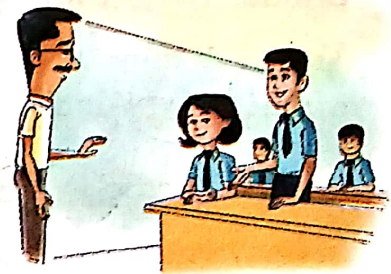
- I **am** a student of class 3.
- Manju **is** my sister. Prakash **is** her classmate.
- Manju and Prakash **are** my friends. We **are** part of the local band.
- I **was** in class 2 last year. Deepak and his cousin **were** my classmates.

PRACTISE

A. Choose the correct option for each of the sentences.



1. There ~~is~~/**are** twelve months in a year.
2. Who ~~am~~/**is** your class teacher?
3. What ~~are~~/**is** your favourite colour?
4. ~~Are~~/**Am** you not sure about it?
5. This water ~~are~~/**is** not fit for drinking.
6. These books ~~are~~/**is** very useful for students.



B. Fill in the blanks with was or were.



1. Our cook was a nice man.
2. It was an amazing journey.
3. Those girls were nice and kind.
4. What was the price of that ring?
5. They were happy with the results.
6. She was asleep when they came over.



C. Fill in the blanks with is, am, are, was or were in these sentences.



There can be more than one correct answer.

1. Whom are you talking to?
2. Who was the leader of that group?
3. They were busy all day long.
4. Both Seema and Afzal are my friends.
5. The weather is nice today.



6. Juno is eight years old.

7. How many of you are ready for the play?

8. We were happy to see them today.

D. Read the conversation between Mani and Brinda. Circle the correct being verbs in their dialogues.



Mani: Did you know I am/was very shy when I is/was younger?

Brinda: Really? You are/was nothing like that now.

Mani: I know! It is/am odd even to me.

Brinda: I am/are shocked to learn this.

Mani: My parents was/were worried that I would not make friends.

Brinda: They was/were wrong about that.

Mani: I think I spoke rather little because I was/were afraid of strangers.

Brinda: I am/is glad you are not like that anymore.

Mani: Yes! So is/are my parents.

PLAY



Creative Thinking



Collaboration



Communication



Art Integration

Work in pairs and describe this picture in six to eight sentences. One of you has to use is, am and are; the other has to use was and were.

