

Lesson Plan:

Questions with the verb "to be"

LEVEL Beginner (A1)	TIME 45-60 minutes
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Target language:

- Am I...?
- Are you...? / Are we...? / Are they...?
- Is he...? / Is she...? / Is it...?

1. Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Form **yes/no questions** using the verb to be
- Answer questions correctly using **Yes, I am / No, I'm not**, etc.
- Ask and answer simple personal questions

2. Materials

- Whiteboard / markers
- Picture cards or simple drawings (people, places, jobs, emotions)
- Worksheets (optional)

3. Warm-up (5-10 minutes)

Teacher action:

- Write a sentence on the board:

You are a student.

- Ask students:

"Is this a statement or a question?"

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- Change it into a question together:

Are you a student?

Concept check:

Ask: "Do we change the words, or the order?"

4. Presentation: Forming questions (10-15 minutes)**Step 1: Review forms of TO BE**

Write on the board:

Subject	Verb
I	am
you	are
he / she / it	is
we	are
they	are

Step 2: Question structure

Show the pattern clearly:

Verb + subject + ?

Examples:

- Am I late?
- Are you happy?
- Is she your teacher?
- Are they friends?

Highlight: The verb comes **first** in questions.

5. Guided practice (10-15 minutes)**Activity 1: Sentence transformation**

Give students statements and have them change them into questions.

Examples:

She is 15. → Is she 15?

They are at school. → Are they at school?

He is your brother. → Is he your brother?

Do the first few together, then let students try.

6. Answering questions (5-10 minutes)

Teach short answers:

Question	Short Answer
Are you a student?	Yes, I am. / No, I'm not.
Is she your friend?	Yes, she is. / No, she isn't.
Are they teachers?	Yes, they are. / No, they aren't.

Drill pronunciation of:

I'm isn't aren't

7. Communicative practice (10-15 minutes)

Activity: Find someone who...

Students walk around and ask questions:

- 1. Are you 13 years old?*
- 2. Are you from this city?*
- 3. Are you a student?*

OR pair work:

Student A asks questions

Student B answers

Then switch roles

8. Error Correction & Review (5 minutes)

Write common mistakes on the board:

☐ *You are a student?*

☐ *Is you happy?*

Correct them together:

☐ *Are you a student?*

☐ *Are you happy?*

9. Optional Homework

- Write **5 yes/no questions** using to be
- Answer each question with a short answer

Example:

Q: Are you tired?

A: Yes, I am.