Hi! I am Marianne Raynaud, and I am here to help you improve your level of spoken English. Today we will be working on the verb “to be”, and we will be reviewing the different tenses.

Listen and repeat.

I am
You are
He is
She is
It is
We are
They are

Now I will say the pronoun and you will say the present tense. Listen to the examples.

I say: I
You say: I am.
I say: You
You say: You are.

Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I
You
He
She
It
We
They

The verb “to be”: The simple past tense Listen and repeat.

I was
You were
He was
She was
It was
We were
They were

Now I will say the present tense and you will give me the simple past tense:

I say. I am
You say: I was
I say: You are
You say: You were

Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I am
I was
He is
He was
It is
It was
They are
They were

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QT-ESL Podcast No.1: The verb “to be” (Cont.)

**Now listen and repeat:**

- Yesterday I was very happy. Yesterday it was very pleasant here.
- Yesterday you were a kind friend. Yesterday we were very late.
- Yesterday he was at the theater. Yesterday they were on time.
- Yesterday she was with my daughter.

**Now listen to the following examples:**

- I say: I am very happy. kind friend.
- You say: Yesterday I was very I say: He is at the theater.
- happy. You say: Yesterday he was at the theatre.
- I say: You are a very kind friend. Yesterday you were a very kind friend.
- You say: Yesterday you were a very

**Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer:**

- I am very happy. Yesterday she was with my daughter.
- Yesterday I was very happy. It is very pleasant here.
- You are a kind friend. Yesterday it was very pleasant here.
- Yesterday you were a very kind friend. We are very late.
- He is at the theater. Yesterday we were very late.
- Yesterday he was at the theater. They are on time.
- She is with my daughter. Yesterday they were on time.

The verb “to be”: The future tense. Listen and repeat.

- I will be They will be
- You will be We will be
- He will be
- It will be

**Now I will say the present tense and you will give me the future tense:**

- I say: I am You say: You will be They are
- You say: I will be I say: He is You say: They will be
- I say: You are You say: He will be

**Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer:**

- I am He is They are
- I will be He will be They will be
- You are She is We are
- You will be She will be We will be

**Now listen and repeat:**

- Tomorrow I will be very happy. Tomorrow it will be very pleasant here.
- Tomorrow you will be at work. Tomorrow we will be very late.
- Tomorrow he will be at the theater. Tomorrow they will be on time.
- Tomorrow she will be with my daughter.
Now listen to the following examples:

I say: I am very happy.  
You say: You are at work.  
I say: Tomorrow you will be at work.  
You say: Tomorrow he will be at the theater.

I say: He is at the theater.  
You say: Tomorrow he will be at the theater.  
I say: You are at work.  
You say: Tomorrow you will be very happy.

Now you go on. Be sure to speak BEFORE I give the right answer.

I am very happy.  
Tomorrow I will be very happy.  
You are at work.  
Tomorrow you will be at work.  
He is at the theater.  
Tomorrow he will be at the theater.  
She is with my daughter.  
Tomorrow she will be with my daughter.

It is very pleasant here.  
Tomorrow it will be very pleasant here.  
We are very late.  
Tomorrow we will be very late.  
They are on time.  
Tomorrow they will be on time.

Now just listen and repeat:

Today we have been working on the verb “to be”. This may seem very easy, especially when you read the script. But when you speak, it is not always easy to avoid mistakes with this verb and its tenses. We want you to be able to use the verb “to be” correctly without any hesitation. Remember, “Practice makes perfect!” By practicing regularly you will learn verbs, tenses and structures perfectly. If you practice QualityTime exercises for just 10 minutes every day, you will definitely improve your speaking skills. Please do these exercises WITHOUT consulting the written materials. If you are really interested in speaking correct English, you will get used to practicing these structures and these verbs without making any mistakes.

That is the end of today’s podcast. We will soon be back with more exercises and short texts to repeat. Thank you all for listening and don’t forget to keep smiling!