



Read the following student composition. Pay special attention to *is, am, are*.

My name **is** Rolando Lopez. I **am** from Guatemala. I **am** a student at Truman College. My major **is** engineering. I **am** married, and I work during the day. My classes **are** at night and on Saturdays. The college **is** a good place for me to start my education in the U.S. because the tuition **is** low and the attention to students **is** very high. My plan **is** to take 60 credit hours here and then go to a four-year college, such as the University of Illinois. I like it here because the teachers **are** friendly and helpful and the students from other countries **are** interesting.

### 1.1 | Forms of Be

Subject	Form of Be	Complement	Explanation
I	am	a college student.	Use <i>am</i> with <i>I</i> .
My teacher He Truman It My wife She	is	an American. friendly. a City College. in Chicago. a student. busy.	Use <i>is</i> with <i>he, she, it,</i> and singular subjects ( <i>teacher, wife, college</i> ).
We You The students They	are	students. the teacher. from all over the world. immigrants.	Use <i>are</i> with <i>we, you, they,</i> and plural subjects.

**EXERCISE 1** Fill in the blanks with *is, are, or am*.

**EXAMPLE** My name is Rolando Lopez.

- I \_\_\_\_\_ from Guatemala.
- My wife \_\_\_\_\_ from Mexico.
- My wife and I \_\_\_\_\_ students.
- The University of Illinois \_\_\_\_\_ a four-year college.
- My classmates \_\_\_\_\_ from many different countries.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants.
- The professors at my college \_\_\_\_\_ friendly and helpful.
- My major \_\_\_\_\_ engineering.
- The semester \_\_\_\_\_ 16 weeks long.

I **am** a student.

You **are** a student.

He **is** a student.

She **is** a student.

I \_\_\_\_\_ a student.

You \_\_\_\_\_ a student.

He \_\_\_\_\_ a student.

She \_\_\_\_\_ a student.