

# Introduction – It's nice to meet you

## GRAMMAR FOCUS

### The verb be

**I'm** Jennifer Miller.  
**You're** in my class.  
**She's** in our class. (**Jennifer is** in our class.)  
**He's** over there. (**Steven is** over there.)  
**It's** Miller. (**My last name is** Miller.)

**Are you** Steven Carson?  
 Yes, **I am**.  
 No, **I'm not**.  
 How **are you**?  
**I'm** fine.

**I'm** = I am  
**You're** = You are  
**He's** = He is  
**She's** = She is  
**It's** = It is

**A** Complete the conversation with the correct words in parentheses. Then practice with a partner.

David: Hello, Jennifer. How ~~are~~ (is / are) you?  
 Jennifer: ~~I'm~~ (She's / I'm) fine, thanks.  
~~I'm~~ (I'm / It's) sorry – what's your name again?  
 David: ~~It's~~ (He's / It's) David – David Medina.  
 Jennifer: That's right! David, this ~~is~~ (is / am) Sarah Conner.  
~~She's~~ (She's / He's) in our math class.  
 David: Hi, Sarah. ~~It's~~ (I'm / It's) nice to meet you.  
 Sarah: Hi, David. I think ~~you're~~ (you're / I'm) in my English class, too.  
 David: Oh, right! Yes, I ~~am~~ (are / am).

## 2 The verb be

- ▶ In questions, the *be* verb comes before the noun or pronoun: **Is he** your teacher?
- ▶ Don't use contractions in short answers with **Yes**: Are you in my class? **Yes, I am**. (NOT: ~~Yes, I'm~~.)

Complete the conversations. Use the words in the box.

<del>am</del>	<del>I'm</del>	<del>it's</del>	<del>she's</del>
✓ are	<del>I am</del>	I'm not	<del>you</del> you're

- A: Excuse me. ~~Are~~ you Patty Wilson?  
 B: No, ~~I'm~~ ~~she's~~ over there.  
 A: OK. Thanks.
- A: Hi. Are ~~you~~ Patty Wilson?  
 C: Yes, ~~I am~~.  
 A: Oh, good. ~~you're~~ Sergio Baez. ~~I'm not~~ in my English class.  
 C: Yes, I ~~am~~ ~~it's~~ nice to meet you, Sergio.