Unit

1

Welcome to the U.S.









Grammar

Subject Pronouns

Be—Affirmative Statements

Context

Help for New Immigrants

We Are Here to Help

Before

You Read

Circle yes or no.

- **1.** Many things are new for me in this country. YES NO
- **2.** People help me with new things. YES NO



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CD 1, TR 01

Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to is, am, and are.

Dorota: Welcome! My name is Dorota. I am from Poland, but I am

a citizen of the U.S. now. My first language is Polish. This is

Simon. He is from Mexico. We are here to help you.

Simon: Hi. My name is Simon. I am from Mexico, but I am a citizen

now. Spanish is my first language. We are both here to help

you.

Did You
Know?

Some supermarkets and laundromats are open 24 hours a day. **Dorota:** You are new in this country. You are immigrants. Life

is different here. Many things are different for you the supermarket is different, the laundromat is different, the doctor's office is different, and the bank is different.

Everything is new for you. Maybe you are confused.

Simon: We are here to help you in new places. The laundromat and

supermarket are the first places to go.

Vocabulary in Context

citizen	Dorota is a citizen of the United States.
help (v.) helpful (adj.)	Dorota and Simon help immigrants. They are helpful .
both	Dorota and Simon are both citizens.
immigrant	I am from Colombia. I am new to the U.S. I am an immigrant.
life	Life in the U.S. is new for me.
different	Simon and Dorota are from different countries.
supermarket	We buy food in a supermarket .
laundromat	The laundromat is a place to wash clothes.
bank	He needs money. He is at the bank .
everything	Everything is new—the bank, the supermarket, and the laundromat.
confused	I am new here. Everything is different. I am confused.

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Listening

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Activity Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle true or false.

(FALSE) **EXAMPLE** Dorota and Simon are in the supermarket now. TRUE

> 1. TRUE **FALSE** 4. TRUE **FALSE**

> 2. TRUE 5. TRUE **FALSE FALSE**

> 3. TRUE **FALSE 6.** TRUE **FALSE**

1.1 Subject Pronouns





EXERCISE Fill in the blanks with the correct subject pronoun.

EXAMPLE We are immigrants.

- **1.** Dorota is from Poland. ______ is here to help.
- **2.** _____ am new to this country.
- **3.** Simon is from Mexico. ______ is from Mexico City.
- **4.** You and I are new here. _____ are confused.
- **5.** The bank is near my house. _____ is big.
- **6.** Simon and Dorota are citizens now. _____ are helpful.
- **7.** Halina: Thank you for your help.

Simon: ______ are welcome.

1.2 Be—Affirmative Statements

SUBJECT	FORM OF BE	COMPLEMENT
I	am	a citizen.
Dorota She Simon He	is	from Poland. helpful. from Mexico. in the U.S.
The supermarket It	is	different. big.
We You Dorota and Simon They	are	here to help. new here. American citizens. helpful.

Language Note: We use a form of *be* to:

- 1. describe the subject (helpful, big)
- 2. tell where the subject is from (from Mexico, from Poland)
- 3. classify the subject (a citizen)
- 4. show location (here, in the U.S.)



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EXERCISE Fill in the missing words: *am*, *is*, or *are*.

The laundromat ____is___ different. **EXAMPLE**

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- **1.** I ______ new here.
- 2. You ______ a citizen.
- **3.** We _____ here to help you.
- **4.** Some things _____ different in the U.S.
- **5.** He _____ confused.
- **6.** Simon and Dorota ______ helpful.
- 7. Dorota ______ from Poland.

EXERCISE [3] Dorota is talking to Halina, a new immigrant. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of be.

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Halina: Hi, Dorota. I <u>am</u> Halina.

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Dorota: You ______ new.

Halina: Yes. I ______ from Poland.

Dorota: I ______ from Poland too. Many people here ____ from Poland. I _____ here to help you. Simon ____ here to help you too. He $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}_{(7)}$ from Mexico.

Halina: Many things ______ new for me.

Dorota: Yes. Life ______ different here. But Simon and I _____ both here to help you.

Halina: Thank you.





EXERCISE 4	ABOUT YOU Check (✓) the items that are true for you				
EXAMPLES	✓ I am new to the U.S.				
	I am a citizen of the U.S.				
	1. I am new to the U.S.				
	2 I am new at this school.				
	3. Life is different in a new country.				
	4 I am confused about life in the U.S.				
	5. I am a citizen of the U.S.				
	6. I am an immigrant.				
	7 Americans are helpful.				
	8 I am from Mexico.				
	9 Spanish is my native language.				
	10. My family is in the U.S.				
EXERCISE 5	ABOUT YOU Fill in the blanks.				
EXAMPLE	I am a citizen of				
	1. My name is				
	2. I am from				
	3. is my native language.				
	4. I am confused about				

5. _____ is a helpful person for me.

6. _____ is different for me now.

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Lesson 2

Grammar

Contractions (Short Forms)

Singular and Plural

This/That/These/Those

Context

Using a Laundromat

Help at the Laundromat

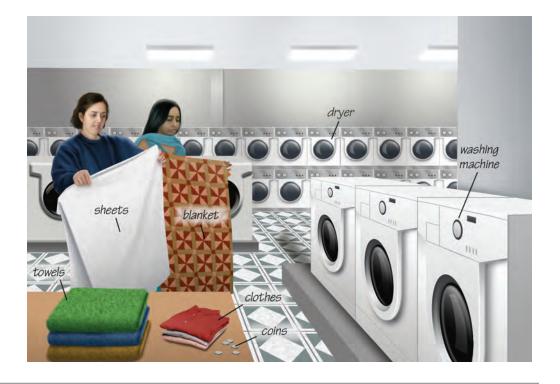
Before

You Read

Circle yes or no.

1. I use the laundromat. YES NO

2. I wash some things by hand. YES NO





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Read the following conversation. Pay special attention to contractions with be.

Dorota and a new immigrant, Shafia, are at the laundromat.

Dorota: We're at the laundromat.

Shafia: The laundromat's new for me.

I'm confused.

Dorota: Don't worry. We're together.

I'm here to help you.

Shafia: Thanks. My clothes are dirty.

Dorota: These are the washing machines. The small machines are for

small items—clothes, towels, and sheets. Those big machines are for big items, like blankets. Coins are necessary for the

only,

cold water

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machines.

Shafia: Those machines are different.

Dorota: Yes. They're dryers.

Shafia: It's hot inside the laundromat.

Dorota: You're right.

Shafia: It's easy to wash clothes in a laundromat.

Dorota: Yes, it is.

Shafia: These two washers¹ are empty. **I'm** ready to wash my clothes.

Vocabulary in Context

Did You Know?

label.

Clothes have

washing or cleaning

instructions in the

worry Don't worry . I'm here to help you.	
Dorota is with Shafia. They're tog	gether.
A: It's hot here. B: Yes, you're right.	
These machines are for small iter	ns.
These are my clothes .	
It's necessary to wash clothes.	
The dryer is empty.	
Your clothes are dirty . My clothe	s are clean.
It's necessary to wash clothes. The dryer is empty .	s are (

¹Washer is another word for "washing machine."



Listening

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Activity (1) Listen to the sentences about the conversation. Circle true or false.

EXAMPLE The laundromat is new for Shafia.

(TRUE)

FALSE

1. TRUE

FALSE

4. TRUE

FALSE

2. TRUE

FALSE

5. TRUE

FALSE

3. TRUE **FALSE**

1.3 Contractions (Short Forms)

LONG FORM		CONTRACTION (SHORT FORM)	EXAMPLES
I am	\rightarrow	I'm	I'm here to help.
She is	\rightarrow	She's	She's from Poland.
He is	\rightarrow	He's	He's from Mexico.
It is	\rightarrow	It's	It's hot in here.
Life is	\rightarrow	Life's	Life's different.
Everything is	\rightarrow	Everything's	Everything's new.
Dorota is	\rightarrow	Dorota's	Dorota's from Poland.
The laundromat is	\rightarrow	The laundromat's	The laundromat's hot.
You are	\rightarrow	You're	You're very helpful.
We are	\rightarrow	We're	We're together.
They are	\rightarrow	They're	They're at the laundromat.

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- 1. To make a contraction (short form), we put an apostrophe (') in place of the missing letter.
- 2. We can make a contraction with a subject pronoun + am, is, and are.
- 3. We can make a contraction with a singular subject + is.
- 4. Do not make a contraction with a plural noun + are.

The dryers are empty.

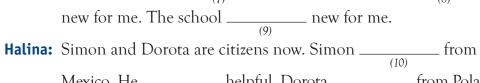


EXERCISE Write the contraction for the words in parentheses ().

ım)	l'm	new here.
(Simon is)		from Mexico.
(He is)		a citizen of the U.S. now.
(Dorota is) _		from Poland.
(She is)		a citizen too.
(They are)		both very helpful.
(The laundro	mat is)	big.
(It is)		hot in the laundromat.
(You are)		confused.
(I am)		confused too.
(We are)		both confused.
	(Simon is) (He is) (Dorota is) (She is) (They are) (The laundro (It is) (You are) (I am)	(Simon is)

EXERCISE Shafia and Halina are new immigrants. This is their conversation. Fill in the blanks with am, is, or are. Make a contraction, where possible.

• ())	Shafia:	I 'm (example)	_ from India. You <u>'re</u>	(example)	from Russia	ı, right?
CD 1, TR 06	Halina:		from Warsaw.		in Pola	nd.
	Shafia:	I(3)	_ new here. I	conf	used.	
	Halina:	We	both confused. I			ent here
36	Shafia:	Yes. Many th	nings nev	w here. Th	ne bank	(8)
		new for me.	The school		or me.	



Mexico. He _____ helpful. Dorota _____ from Poland. She ______ helpful too.

Shafia: They _____ both very helpful to new immigrants.

Halina: You _____ right.





1.4 Singular and Plural

Singular means one. Plural means more than one. A plural noun usually ends in -s.

SINGULAR	PLURAL
one machine	five machine s
one coin	six coin s
one towel	three towel s
one blanket	two blanket s

EXERCISE Write the plural form of the words.

EXAMPLE sheet <u>sheets</u>

quarter	
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- **1.** quarter _____
- **2.** dime _____
- **3.** dryer _____
- **4.** nickel _____
- **5.** machine _____

- **6.** towel _____
- **7.** item _____
- **8.** blanket _____
- **9.** coin _____
- **10.** dollar _____



dollar

1.5 This, That, These, Those

This and that are singular. These and those are plural.

	SINGULAR		PLURAL	
Near →	This is a laundromat.	LANDROMAT	These are quarters.	
Not near Far ────	That is a big machine.		Those are the dryers.	6000

Language Note: Only that is has a contraction—that's.

That's a big machine.

Pronunciation Note: It's hard for many students to hear the difference between *this* and *these*. Listen to your teacher pronounce the sentences above.



EXERCISE 4 Fill in the blanks with this is, that's, these are, or those are.

EXAMPLE



That's the change² machine.



____a dollar.



_____ coins.



_____ quarters.



_____ the big washing machines.



_____ an empty machine.



_____ dryers.

EXERCISE [5] Circle the correct word.

EXAMPLE The (sheet / sheets) are white.

- 1. The blankets (is / are) big.
- **2.** (*These / This*) are the dryers.
- **3.** (They're / They) hot.
- **4.** (Quarter / Quarters) are necessary for the machine.
- **5.** (*That / Those*) machines are empty.



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 $^{^2\}mbox{Four quarters}$ is $\mbox{\it change}$ for one dollar.