EXERCISES for CHAPTER 1. THE SIMPLE PRESENT
OF THE VERB TO BE

1. Change the following pairs of words into sentences, using the correct forms of the Simple
Present of the verb to be. For example:
   I, cautious
   I am cautious.
   
   they, friendly
   They are friendly.

   1. you, careful
   2. it, warm
   3. he, here
   4. we, bold
   5. they, careless
   6. she, clever
   7. we, ready
   8. you, reckless
   9. I, shy
   10. they, polite

   Answers

2. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into questions. For example:
   I am cautious.
   Am I cautious?
   
   They are friendly.
   Are they friendly?

   Answers

3. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative statements. For
example:
   I am cautious.
   I am not cautious.
   
   They are friendly.
   They are not friendly.

   Answers

4. Change the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1 into negative questions.
Except where the subject of the verb is I, write both the form without contractions and the
form with contractions. For example:
   I am cautious.
   Am I not cautious?
   
   They are friendly.
Are they not friendly?
Aren't they friendly?

Answers

5. Add negative tag questions to the ends of the affirmative statements resulting from Exercise 1. Except where the subject of the verb is I, use contractions for the tag questions. For example:
   I am cautious.
   I am cautious, am I not?

   They are friendly.
   They are friendly, aren't they?

Answers

6. Using the Simple Present of the verb to be, and making sure that the word order is correct, form the following groups of words into grammatically correct statements or questions. If the symbol ? is present, form the words into a question. If the word not is present, form the words into a negative statement or negative question. Do not use contractions in this exercise. For example:
   it, brown
   It is brown.

   you, ?, excited
   Are you excited?

   I, satisfied, not
   I am not satisfied.

   not, ?, they, ready
   Are they not ready?

1. you, ?, hungry
2. we, ?, not, correct
3. he, ?, happy
4. not, ?, it, cold
5. she, here
6. I, early, ?
7. they, wrong, not
8. you, ?, comfortable
9. they, ?, not, strong
10. not, ?, I, fortunate
11. it, slippery, ?
12. not, you, late
13. it, not, ?, important
14. we, famous
15. they, present, ?

Answers
4. Each of the following sentences is preceded by a bare infinitive, the most heavily stressed syllable of which is underlined. Paying attention to whether or not the final consonant should be doubled before **ing** is added, fill in the blanks with the present participles corresponding to the bare infinitives. Use the American spelling for verbs ending in **l**. For example:

**whisper**: They are __________ to their friends.
They are **whispering** to their friends.

**refer**: I was __________ to your letter.
I was **referring** to your letter.

1. **open**: I am __________ the door.
2. **display**: She is __________ her talents.
3. **submit**: He is ___________ his report tomorrow.
4. **limit**: The store is __________ the number of items on sale.
5. **permit**: We are not __________ him to go.
6. **sharpen**: They are __________ the pencils.
7. **confer**: She is __________ with her colleagues.
8. **focus**: He is __________ the camera.
9. **repel**: They are __________ the attack.
10. **shovel**: I am __________ the steps.
11. **destroy**: Hail is __________ the crops.
12. **dispel**: They are __________ our doubts.
13. **squander**: He is __________ his money.
14. **prefer**: We are __________ our new school to the old one.
15. **color**: The child is __________ the picture.
16. **unravel**: We are __________ the wool.
17. **propel**: Jet engines are __________ the plane.
18. **flower**: The pansies are __________
19. **infer**: They are __________ that we do not want to come.
20. **listen**: The children are __________ to us.

**Answers**

5. Change the following affirmative statements into questions. For example:

**It is snowing.**
Is it snowing?

**They are being cautious.**
Are they being cautious?

1. I am learning English.
2. You are carrying a parcel.
3. It is growing colder.
4. We are living in Halifax.
5. They are running a race.
6. He is drinking coffee.
7. She is shopping for presents.
8. I am cleaning the window.
6. They ______________ to Mexico every year. (to travel)
7. Just now we ______________ the shopping. (to do)
8. She always ______________ correctly. (to answer)
9. You ______________ never late. (to be)
10. Now I ______________ to the radio. (to listen)
11. Each Sunday, we ______________ the flea market. (to visit)
12. At present, I ______________ for work. (to look)

**ANSWERS for CHAPTER 3. THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS**

Answers to **Exercise 1**:
1. am answering 2. are wearing 3. are looking 4. is calling 5. is building 6. are cooking 7. are telling 8. are waiting 9. am reading 10. are picking

Answers to **Exercise 2**:
1. is writing 2. are worrying 3. is making 4. is dying 5. are hurrying 6. is daring 7. are lying 8. is solving 9. am leaving 10. are trying

Answers to **Exercise 3**:
1. am cutting 2. is floating 3. are winning 4. are wrapping 5. is growing 6. is looking 7. am knitting 8. are sawing 9. is cleaning 10. are scrubbing 11. am fixing 12. is sipping 13. are trimming 14. are feeding 15. is nodding

Answers to **Exercise 4**:

Answers to **Exercise 5**:

Answers to **Exercise 6**:
1. I am not learning English. 2. You are not carrying a parcel. 3. It is not growing colder. 4. We are not living in Halifax. 5. They are not running a race. 6. He is not drinking coffee. 7. She is not shopping for presents. 8. I am not cleaning the window. 9. We are not buying pencils. 10. They are not playing football.