Present Simple:
Verb "Be": Affirmative & Negative

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. I ___ a student.
   a) am
   c) be
   b) is
   d) are

2. She ___ from Brazil.
   a) am
   c) is
   b) are
   d) be

3. They ___ my friends.
   a) is
   c) be
   b) am
   d) are

4. He ___ a teacher at this school.
   a) be
   c) am
   b) is
   d) are

5. We ___ in the same class.
   a) are
   c) be
   b) am
   d) is

6. The cat ___ on the sofa.
   a) are
   c) be
   b) is
   d) am

7. You ___ very kind.
   a) are
   c) is
   b) am
   d) be

8. It ___ cold today.
   a) am
   c) are
   b) be
   d) is

9. My parents ___ at home.
   a) are
   c) be
   b) am
   d) is

10. I ___ happy to see you.
   a) are
   c) be
   b) is
   d) am

11. She ___ not a doctor. She's a nurse.
   a) am
   c) are
   b) is
   d) do

12. They ___ at school today. They're sick.
   a) aren't   b) isn't
   c) don't   d) am not

13. I ___ tired. I slept well last night.
   a) isn't   b) am not
   c) don't   d) aren't

14. This book ___ very interesting. It's boring.
   a) doesn't   b) aren't
   c) am not   d) isn't

15. We ___ ready yet. Give us five minutes.
   a) don't   b) am not
   c) isn't   d) aren't

16. He ___ from China. He's from Japan.
   a) am not   b) don't
   c) isn't   d) aren't

17. The children ___ in the garden. They're inside.
   a) isn't   b) am not
   c) aren't   d) doesn't

18. My name ___ John. It's David.
   a) aren't   b) isn't
   c) don't   d) am not

19. You ___ late. The meeting starts in ten minutes.
   a) doesn't   b) am not
   c) aren't   d) isn't

20. This ___ the right answer. Try again.
   a) am not   b) aren't
   c) isn't   d) don't

Answers

1. a) am
2. c) is
3. d) are
4. b) is
5. a) are
6. b) is
7. a) are
8. d) is
9. a) are
10. d) am
11. b) is
12. a) aren't
13. b) am not
14. d) isn't
15. d) aren't
16. c) isn't
17. c) aren't
18. b) isn't
19. c) aren't
20. c) isn't

Explanations

1. "am" (a)
Use 'am' with the subject 'I'.

2. "is" (c)
Use 'is' with he/she/it.

3. "are" (d)
Use 'are' with they/we/you.

4. "is" (b)
Use 'is' with he/she/it.

5. "are" (a)
Use 'are' with 'we'.

6. "is" (b)
Use 'is' because 'the cat' is third person singular (= it).

7. "are" (a)
Use 'are' with 'you' (both singular and plural).

8. "is" (d)
Use 'is' with 'it'.

9. "are" (a)
Use 'are' because 'my parents' is plural (= they).

10. "am" (d)
Use 'am' with the subject 'I'.

11. "is" (b)
Use 'is not' (or 'isn't') with she. The negative is formed with be + not.

12. "aren't" (a)
Use 'aren't' for negative sentences with they/we/you.

13. "am not" (b)
Use 'am not' with 'I'. Note: there is no standard contraction 'amn't'.

14. "isn't" (d)
Use 'isn't' for negative sentences with he/she/it.

15. "aren't" (d)
Use 'aren't' for negative sentences with 'we'.

16. "isn't" (c)
Use 'isn't' for negative sentences with 'he'.

17. "aren't" (c)
Use 'aren't' because 'the children' is plural (= they).

18. "isn't" (b)

Use 'isn't' because 'my name' is third person singular (= it).

19. "aren't" (c)

Use 'aren't' with 'you'.

20. "isn't" (c)

Use 'isn't' because 'this' is singular (= it).