Present Simple:
Verb "Be": Questions & Short Answers

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. ___ you a student?
    a) Are   b) Do
    c) Am   d) Is

2. ___ she your sister?
    a) Am   b) Are
    c) Is   d) Does

3. ___ they at home?
    a) Am   b) Is
    c) Do   d) Are

4. ___ it expensive?
    a) Are   b) Is
    c) Am   d) Does

5. ___ I late?
    a) Am   b) Is
    c) Are   d) Do

6. ___ the children in the park?
    a) Am   b) Are
    c) Does   d) Is

7. Where ___ the bathroom?
    a) is   b) am
    c) are   d) does

8. How old ___ your brother?
    a) are   b) am
    c) does   d) is

9. Why ___ you sad?
    a) are   b) am
    c) do   d) is

10. What ___ your favourite colour?
    a) does   b) are
    c) am   d) is

11. Is he a doctor? — Yes, he ___.
    a) does   b) is
    c) am   d) are

12. Are you hungry? — No, I ___.
    a) am not
    b) isn't
    c) aren't
    d) don't

13. Are they French? — No, they ___.
    a) isn't
    b) aren't
    c) am not
    d) don't

14. Is this your book? — Yes, it ___.
    a) are
    b) does
    c) am
    d) is

15. Where ___ your keys?
    a) am
    b) is
    c) does
    d) are

16. Who ___ that man?
    a) am
    b) does
    c) is
    d) are

17. Is the museum open today? — No, it ___.
    a) aren't
    b) doesn't
    c) isn't
    d) am not

18. How ___ you?
    a) am
    b) are
    c) is
    d) do

19. Are we late? — Yes, we ___.
    a) do
    b) am
    c) are
    d) is

20. What ___ these things on the table?
    a) am
    b) does
    c) are
    d) is

Answers

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

Explanations

1. "Are" (a)
Use 'Are' to form questions with 'you'.

2. "Is" (c)
Use 'Is' to form questions with 'she'.

3. "Are" (d)
Use 'Are' to form questions with 'they'.

4. "Is" (b)
Use 'Is' to form questions with 'it'.

5. "Am" (a)
Use 'Am' to form questions with 'I'.

6. "Are" (b)
Use 'Are' because 'the children' is plural (= they).

7. "is" (a)
Use 'is' because 'the bathroom' is singular.

8. "is" (d)
Use 'is' because 'your brother' is third person singular (= he).

9. "are" (a)
Use 'are' in Wh- questions with 'you'.

10. "is" (d)
Use 'is' because 'your favourite colour' is singular.

11. "is" (b)
Short answer: Yes, he is. / No, he isn't.

12. "am not" (a)
Short answer with 'I': No, I am not. (or No, I'm not.)

13. "aren't" (b)
Short answer: No, they aren't.

14. "is" (d)
Short answer: Yes, it is. Note: we don't contract 'Yes, it's.'

15. "are" (d)
Use 'are' because 'keys' is plural.

16. "is" (c)
Use 'is' because 'that man' is singular.

17. "isn't" (c)
Short answer: No, it isn't.

18. "are" (b)

'How are you?' is a fixed greeting expression using 'are' with 'you'.

19. "are" (c)

Short answer: Yes, we are.

20. "are" (c)

Use 'are' because 'these things' is plural.