

## ***E+The Verb “ Be”***

The verb "be" has the following present forms:

am, is, are.

I am (I'm)

we are (we're)

It is (it's)

You are (you're)

He is (he's)

they are (they're)

She is (she's)

### ***Uses***

It is used with noun :

**My mother is a teacher.**

**You are a student at University of Baghdad.**

2- an adjective

**You are clever.**

**The student is present.**

### ***Question***

**Is he/ she / it**

**Are they/ we /you**

Are you a student at Department of Petroleum and mining Engineering? Yes, I am. No, I am not.

Is Peter absent? Yes, he is. No, he is not

Ex. He is an engineer ( Question ) / They are here ( Question )

**Is he an engineer ? / Are they here ?**

### ***Negative***

I am not (I'm not) / we are not (we aren't) / you are not (you aren't)

He is not (he isn't) / she is not (she isn't) / it is not (it isn't) / they are not (they aren't)

Ex. He is an engineer ( Negation ) / They are in an oil refinery ( Negation )

**He isn't an engineer / They aren't in an oil refinery**

Ex She was here ( Negation ) / We were in an oil refinery

**She wasn't here / We weren't in an oil refinery**

### ***Indefinite Articles: 'a', 'an'***

These indefinite articles comes before word , if the word begins with a vowel, it is preceded by the article ( an ) . If the word begins with a consonant, it is preceded by the article ( a ) as in :

**She's a doctor.**

**He is an engineer**

## *Uses*

1. It is used with a jobs When we say what people's jobs are, we usually use a/an.

He's an architect.

She's a scientist.

My grandmother was a teacher.

2. Singular nouns

Singular, countable nouns always have an article – a/an or the (or another determiner – my, your, this, that, etc.).

I need a cup of tea .

3. We use “a” when the word that follows it begins with a consonant sound. We use “an” when it's followed by a vowel sound. This makes pronunciation easier.

She has a conference next week .

It took me an umbrella .