

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT and LITERACY SKILLS

## SIX ENGLISH VERB SONGS to COMMON TUNES

### Song #1 Present tense Tune: "Are You Sleeping?"

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Please note: "It" could be a robot — or an animal — for these sentences to make sense! ☺ ☺ ☺

#### 1. Verb: be

##### ☺ Singular:

I am here.  
You are here.  
He is here.  
She is here.  
It is here.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We are here.  
You are here.  
They are here.

#### 4. Verb: make

##### ☺ Singular:

I make mistakes.  
You make mistakes.  
He makes mistakes.  
She makes mistakes.  
It makes mistakes.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We make mistakes.  
You make mistakes.  
They make mistakes.

#### 2. Verb: do

##### ☺ Singular:

I do my best.  
You do your best.  
He does his best.  
She does her best.  
It does its best.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We do our best.  
You do your best.  
They do their best.

#### 5. Verb: need

##### ☺ Singular:

I need an eraser.  
You need an eraser.  
He needs an eraser.  
She needs an eraser.  
It needs an eraser.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We need erasers.  
You need erasers.  
They need erasers.

#### 3. Verb: have

##### ☺ Singular:

I have a pencil.  
You have a pencil.  
He has a pencil.  
She has a pencil.  
It has a pencil.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We have pencils.  
You have pencils.  
They have pencils.

#### 6. Verb: know

##### ☺ Singular:

I know the answer.  
You know the answer.  
He knows the answer.  
She knows the answer.  
It knows the answer.

##### ☺☺ Plural:

We know the answer.  
You know the answer.  
They know the answer.

## 7. Verb: see

☺ Singular:

I see the ball.  
You see the ball.  
He sees the ball.  
She sees the ball.  
It sees the ball.

☺☺ Plural:

We see the ball.  
You see the ball.  
They see the ball.

## 10. Verb: like

☺ Singular:

I like pizza.  
You like pizza.  
He likes pizza.  
She likes pizza.  
It likes pizza.

☺☺ Plural:

We like pizza.  
You like pizza.  
They like pizza.

## 8. Verb: run

☺ Singular:

I run fast.  
You run fast.  
He runs fast.  
She runs fast.  
It runs fast.

☺☺ Plural:

We run fast.  
You run fast.  
They run fast.

☺ My new learning:

## 9. Verb: draw

☺ Singular:

I draw great pictures.  
You draw great pictures.  
He draws great pictures.  
She draws great pictures.  
It draws great pictures.

☺☺ Plural:

You draw great pictures.  
They draw great pictures.  
We draw great pictures.

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## ♫ Song #2 Present Progressive tense, Statements and Questions

### Tunes: "Are You Sleeping?" and "Michael, Row the Boat Ashore"

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Here's an example, without contractions:

(+ Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

**Questions: Statements:**

#### ☺ Singular

*Am I going?* I am going. I am not going.  
*Are you going?* You are going. You are not going.  
*Is he going?* He is going. He is not going.  
*Is she going?* She is going. She is not going.  
*Is it going?* It is going. It is not going.

#### ☺☺ Plural

*Are we going?* We are going. We are not going.  
*Are you going?* You are going. You are not going.  
*Are they going?* They are going. They are not going.

- Contracts are used below (except for the ☆'s). Can you re-phrase the other sentences without contractions?
- Do some "Got the Picture?" doodles!
- Write your own verses!

(♫ Tune: "Michael Rowed the Boat Ashore")

#### 1. Verb: do

*Q: Am I doing it the way you said?*  
*A: No, you aren't doing it that way.*  
You're not doing it the way I said.  
You're doing it a different way.

#### 2. Verb: drink

*Q: Are you drinking a soda?*  
*A: No, I'm not drinking soda.*  
☆ I am not drinking soda.  
I'm drinking lemonade instead.

#### 3. Verb: read

*Q: Are you reading your book?*  
*A: No, I'm not reading right now.*  
☆ I am not reading my book.  
I'm doing my math instead.

#### 4. Verb: work

*Q: Is he working on the project with you?*  
*A: No he isn't working on it with me.*  
He's not working on it with me.  
He's working on the project with her.

#### 5. Verb: eat

*Q: Is she eating pizza today?*  
*A: No, she isn't eating pizza.*  
She's not eating pizza today.  
She's eating a hamburger instead.

#### 6. Verb: rain

*Q: Is it raining outside?*  
*A: No, it isn't raining outside.*  
It's not raining outside.  
It's hailing instead!

#### 7. Verb: play

*Q: Are we playing outside at recess?*  
*A: No, we aren't playing outside.*  
We're not playing outside at recess.  
We're playing inside instead.

#### 8. Verb: look

*Q: Are you looking for your little brother?*  
*A: No, we aren't looking for him.*  
We're not looking for him.  
We're looking for our mom.

#### 9. Verb: walk

*Q: Are they walking home today?*  
*A: No, they aren't walking home.*  
They're not walking home today.  
They're riding home with me.

#### 10. Verb: laugh

*Q: Are they laughing at him?*  
*A: No, they aren't laughing at him.*  
They're not laughing at him.  
They're laughing at a joke he told.

### ♫ Song #3 Past Progressive tense, Statements and Questions,

with "Yes" and "No" as answers

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→ Remember, you can always do some "Got the Picture?" doodles to show what you're imagining!

1.

Questions: ... and SHORT answers

☺ Singular

Was I snoring? Yes, you were!  
Were you snoring? No, I wasn't!  
Was he snoring? Yes, he was!  
Was she snoring? No, she wasn't!  
Was it snoring? Yes, it was!

☺☺ Plural

Were we snoring? Yes, you were!  
Were you snoring? No, we weren't!  
Were they snoring? Yes, they were!

2.

→ Now, choose your own verb, and see if it makes sense for "I."

→ Try out giving both a short AND a long answer—with "Yes" AND "No."

☺ Singular

Was I \_\_\_\_ing?  
Were you \_\_\_\_ing?  
Was he \_\_\_\_ing?  
Was she \_\_\_\_ing?  
Was it \_\_\_\_ing?

☺☺ Plural

Were we \_\_\_\_ing?  
Were you \_\_\_\_ing?  
Were they \_\_\_\_ing?

3.

Statements:

☺ Singular

I was swimming.  
You were swimming.  
He was swimming.  
She was swimming.  
It was swimming.

☺☺ Plural

We were swimming.  
You were swimming.  
They were swimming.

4.

→ Now, choose your own verb.

☺ Singular

I was \_\_\_\_ing.  
You were \_\_\_\_ing.  
He was \_\_\_\_ing.  
She was \_\_\_\_ing.  
It was \_\_\_\_ing.

☺☺ Plural

We were \_\_\_\_ing.  
You were \_\_\_\_ing.  
They were \_\_\_\_ing.

5.

Negative Statements:

with a contraction, then without a contraction

☺ Singular

I wasn't thinking! I was not thinking!  
You weren't thinking! You were not thinking!  
He wasn't thinking! He was not thinking!  
She wasn't thinking! She was not thinking!  
It wasn't thinking! It was not thinking!

☺☺ Plural

We weren't thinking! We were not thinking!  
You weren't thinking! You were not thinking!  
They weren't thinking! They were not thinking!

6.

→ Now, choose your own verb.

☺ Singular

I wasn't \_\_\_\_ing. I was not \_\_\_\_ing.  
You weren't \_\_\_\_ing. You were not \_\_\_\_ing.  
He wasn't \_\_\_\_ing. He was not \_\_\_\_ing.  
She wasn't \_\_\_\_ing. She was not \_\_\_\_ing.  
It wasn't \_\_\_\_ing. It was not \_\_\_\_ing.

☺☺ Plural

We weren't \_\_\_\_ing. We were not \_\_\_\_ing.  
You weren't \_\_\_\_ing. You were not \_\_\_\_ing.  
They weren't \_\_\_\_ing. They were not \_\_\_\_ing.

## Song #4 Routine statements and questions

### Tune: "Here we Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush"

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For each question and answer --- What situation are you picturing in your head?

Who is asking the question?

Who is answering the question?

For each verse, be sure to make pictures in your mind.

You can always do a "Got the Picture?" doodle, too, to share with the group!

1

Q: Who is it?

A: It's your next-door neighbor.

11

Q: Where do you live?

A: I live around the corner.

2

Q: Who's ready to go?

A: We're ready to go!

12

Q: Where did you find that?

A: I found it under the bed.

3

Q: Who won the race?

A: John won the race.

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4

Q: Who are you calling?

A: I'm calling my dad.

13

Q: When did you get here?

A: I got here just now.

\*\*\*\*\*

5

Q: What's your name?

A: My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

14

Q: When are we leaving?

A: We're leaving in ten minutes.

6

Q: What did you say?

A: I said, "You can do it!"

15

Q: When is Valentine's Day?

A: It's February 14<sup>th</sup>.

7

Q: What was that noise?

A: It sounded like a cat!

16

Q: When will you see her?

A: I'll see her tomorrow.

8

Q: What did you get on your test?

A: I got 100%!

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9

Q: Where's my pencil?

A: Here it is.

17

Q: How old are you?

A: I'm \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

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18

Q: How are you?

A: I'm fine, thanks. And you?

10

Q: Where are the kids?

A: They're behind the tree.

19

Q: How much does this cost?

A: It costs \$3.00.

20

Q: How's your mom feeling?

A: She's better. Thanks for asking.

## Song #5

## Statements and Questions with "there is" and "there are"

plus "is there" and "are there"

Tune: "Did you Ever See a Lassie?"

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1

Q: *Is there enough for everyone?*

A: Yes, there is. Yes, there is.

Q: *Is there enough for everyone?*

A: Yes, there is enough, if we share.

5

Q: *Is there anyone who needs a pencil?*

A: Yes, there is. Yes, there is.

Q: *Is there anyone who needs a pencil?*

A: Yes, there is— Sally needs one.

2

Q: *Are there soccer balls on the playground?*

A: Yes, there are. Yes, there are.

Q: *Are there soccer balls on the playground?*

A: Yes, there are soccer balls there.

6

Q: *Are there other ways to get there?*

A: Yes, there are. Yes, there are.

Q: *Are there other ways to get there?*

A: Yes, there are— let's check the map.

3

Q: *Is there time to read another page?*

A: No, there isn't. No, there isn't.

Q: *Is there time to read another page?*

A: No, there's not time right now

7

Q: *Is there any paint left?*

A: No, there isn't. No, there isn't.

Q: *Is there any paint left?*

A: No, there's none left at all.

4

Q: *Are there glue sticks on each table?*

A: No, there aren't. No, there aren't.

Q: *Are there glue sticks on each table?*

A: No, there aren't; we need some here.

8

Q: *Are there still papers on the floor?*

A: No, there aren't. No, there aren't.

Q: *Are there still papers on the floor?*

A: No, there aren't— we picked them all up!

## ♪ Song #6 Future Tense Statements and Questions with "going to" and "will"

Tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down,"  
repeating last line of tune to accommodate all lines of text

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(Using "going" in the question, all answers are "yes.")

1

Q: *Are you going to eat those fries?*  
A: Yes, I'm going to eat these fries!  
I am going to eat them now.  
I'll eat these fries now.  
I will eat these fries right now.

2

Q: *Is he going to come with us?*  
A: Yes, he's going to come with us!  
He is going to come with us.  
He'll come with us today.  
He will come with us today.

3

Q: *Are we going to see the movie?*  
A: Yes, we're going to see the movie.  
We are going to see it soon.  
We'll see the movie soon.  
We will see the movie soon.

(Using "going" in the question, all answers are "no.")

4

Q: *Am I going to need this book?*  
A: No, you're not going to need that book.  
You are not going to need that book.  
You won't need that book right now.  
You will not need it now.

5

Q: *Are they going to run in the race?*  
A: No, they're not going to run in the race.  
They are not going to run in the race.  
They won't run in the race today.  
They will not run today.

6

Q: *Are you going to use those crayons?*  
A: No, I'm not going to use these crayons.  
I am not going to use these crayons.  
I won't use these crayons right now.  
I will not use them now.

(Using "will" in the question, all answers are "yes.")

7

Q: *Will you see your aunt today?*  
A: Yes, I'll see my aunt today.  
I will see my aunt today  
I'm going to see my aunt today.  
I am going to see her today.

8

Q: *Will I get to go with you?*  
A: Yes, you'll get to come with us.  
You will get to come with us.  
You're going to get to come with us.  
You are going to get to come.

9

Q: *Will you be ready to leave soon?*  
A: Yes, we'll be ready to leave soon.  
We will be ready to leave soon.  
We're going to be ready very soon.  
We are going to be ready.

(Using "will" in the question, all answers are "no.")

10

Q: *Will it be ready to pick up today?*  
A: No, it won't be ready today.  
It will not be ready today.  
It is not going to be ready.  
It's not going to be ready.

11

Q: *Will they have the meeting tomorrow?*  
A: No, they won't have the meeting tomorrow.  
They will not have the meeting tomorrow.  
They're not going to have it tomorrow.  
They are not going to have it then.

12

Q: *Will he see us hiding here?*  
A: No, he won't see us hiding here.  
He will not see us hiding here.  
He's not going to see us here.  
He is not going to see us.