Grammar Reference

UNIT 1

1.1 Verb *to be*

Positive

I	am	from the USA.
He She It	is	
We You They	are	

I'm = I am

He's = He is
She's = She is
It's = It is

We're = We are
You're = You are
They're = They are

Question

Where	am	I	from?
	is	he she it	
	are	we you they	

I'm 20

I'm 20.
I'm 20 years old. NOT ~~I'm 20 years.~~ ~~I have 20 years.~~

1.2 Possessive adjectives

What's	my your his her its our your their	name?
This is		house.

What's = What is

1.3 Question words

What is your phone number?
Where are you from?
How are you?

1.4 *a/an*

It's a	ticket. newspaper. magazine.

It's an	apple. envelope. English dictionary.

We use *an* before a vowel.

I'm a doctor.
I'm a student. NOT ~~I'm doctor.~~ ~~I'm student.~~

1.5 Plural nouns

1 Most nouns add *-s* in the plural.
stamp**s** key**s** camera**s**

2 If the noun ends in *-s*, *-ss*, *-sh*, or *-ch*, add *-es*.
bus → bus**es** class → class**es** wish → wish**es**
match → match**es**

3 If the noun ends in a consonant + *-y*, the *-y* changes to *-ies*.
country countr**ies** party part**ies**
But if the noun ends in a vowel + *-y*, the *-y* doesn't change.
key key**s** day day**s**

4 Some nouns are irregular. Dictionaries show this.
child children person people
woman women man men

1.6 Numbers 1–20

1 one	6 six	11 eleven	16 sixteen
2 two	7 seven	12 twelve	17 seventeen
3 three	8 eight	13 thirteen	18 eighteen
4 four	9 nine	14 fourteen	19 nineteen
5 five	10 ten	15 fifteen	20 twenty

1.7 Prepositions

Where are you **from**?
I live **in** a house **in** Fortaleza.
What's this **in** English?

EXERCISES

1 Complete the sentences. Use *am, is,* or *are.*

1 How _____ you?
2 I _____ fine, thanks.
3 Patrick _____ my brother.
4 We _____ both 23 years old.
5 Katy and Paul _____ married.

2 Complete the conversation. Use *my, your, her,* or *his.*

Ann Hi, (1) _____ name's Ann. What's (2) _____ name?
Nick Hi! (3) _____ name's Nick. This is my sister. (4) _____ name's Maria.
Ann Hi. This is my brother. (5) _____ name is Tom.

3 Choose the correct question word.

1 How / What is your name?
2 What / How are you?
3 What / Where are you from?

4 Complete the sentences. Use *a* or *an.*

1 It's _____ stamp.
2 He's _____ teacher.
3 It's _____ apple.
4 I'm _____ student.
5 It's _____ orange.

5 Write the plural form.

1 dictionary _____
2 student _____
3 orange _____
4 child _____
5 day _____