

Watch out for common Turkish speakers' mistakes in English!

Turkish learners often miss out the auxiliary verb *be*.

Get it right! Use:

- the verb **be** with the main verb:
 WRONG ~~*I learning English at college.*~~
 CORRECT *I **am** learning English at college.*

Turkish learners sometimes use the wrong form of the auxiliary verb *be*.

Get it right! Use:

- I am, you/we/they are*** and ***he/she is*** with the main verb:
 WRONG ~~*He is arriving at the station.*~~
 CORRECT *I **am** arriving at the station.*

Turkish learners sometimes use the wrong form of the main verb in questions.

Get it right! Use:

- the ***-ing*** form of the main verb:
 WRONG ~~*Are you come with us?*~~
 CORRECT *Are you **coming** with us?*

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

1 ★ Circle the correct words.

- 1 I is / am wearing my new T-shirt.
- 2 We eating / are eating our lunch.
- 3 You / Are you feeling better?
- 4 Bora is / are speaking to the teacher.
- 5 Are you leave / leaving now?
- 6 Where are you / you going?

2 ★ Tick (✓) the correct sentence in each pair.

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| 1 a What are you reading? | ☒ |
| b What are you read? | ☐ |
| 2 a Sercan and Defne is cooking dinner. | ☐ |
| b Sercan and Defne are cooking dinner. | ☐ |
| 3 a Yeşim is working upstairs. | ☐ |
| b Yeşim working upstairs. | ☐ |
| 4 a I is writing an essay. | ☐ |
| b I am writing an essay. | ☐ |
| 5 a Eda learning to play the piano. | ☐ |
| b Eda is learning to play the piano. | ☐ |
| 6 a Are you enjoying the course? | ☐ |
| b You enjoying the course? | ☐ |

3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb be.

- 1 Yusuf is studying English.
- 2 Elif and Miray shopping for food.
- 3 I watching a great film.
- 4 You working so hard!
- 5 Zehra having a shower.
- 6 We making a lot of noise!

4 ★★ Complete the sentences with the present continuous form of a verb from the box.sleep paint read eat speaking play

- 1 Yusuf is speaking on the phone.
- 2 Sh! Be quiet. The baby
- 3 They a game.
- 4 I a really good book.
- 5 We our dinner at the moment.
- 6 Azra a picture of a lion.

5 ★★★ Underline and correct the mistake in each sentence or question.

- 1 You walking too fast!
You are walking too fast.
- 2 She coming with us to the park?
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- 3 He is start his new course today.
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- 4 Why they laughing?
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- 5 I is feeling very happy today.
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- 6 Is she enjoy her new job?
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6 ★★★ Imagine you are at the zoo. Write a paragraph about what the animals are doing.

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