

The verb to be does not follow the rules for other verbs in the present simple. Instead it uses the following pattern:

*I am you are he/she/it is we/you/they are*

To make questions we put the verb in front of the subject.

*We're on final.*

*Are you ready for departure?*

### Practice section

Fill in the gaps below with the present simple or present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

1. We \_\_\_\_\_ (evacuate) because of the fire in the cargo hold. Call the fire brigade!
2. There's an airport with longer runway 50 miles north of your position. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/have) enough fuel?
3. LOT 234, confirm your present altitude; we \_\_\_\_\_ (show) you at FL 100 at this time.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (not/know) what happened. We \_\_\_\_\_ (troubleshoot) the problem at the moment.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (you/need) to take a rest?
6. ATCOs \_\_\_\_\_ (use) call signs to identify individual aircraft.
7. The tire pressure \_\_\_\_\_ (look) rather low. We \_\_\_\_\_ (require) assistance from maintenance.
8. LOT 678, Moscow Control, we \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up) a lot of ice on our wings at our altitude. The wing anti-icing \_\_\_\_\_ (not/appear) to be very effective. We request lower.

**Over to you:** Tell your partner about your routine day as a trainee pilot. Add some information about something (e.g. skill, revising for an exam, building up your hours) you are working on at the moment.

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