

to be = SEIN

SINGULAR

PLURAL

1st person:	<i>I am</i> ich bin	<i>we are</i> wir sind
2nd person:	<i>you (casual) are</i> du bist	<i>you (plural) are</i> ihr seid
3rd person:	<i>he is</i> er ist	<i>they are</i> sie sind
	<i>she is</i> sie ist	<i>You (formal) are</i> Sie sind
	<i>it is</i> es ist	

Notes:

- This is one of the only “irregular” verbs in German. It must be memorized completely; there is no real ‘pattern’ to help you learn it. In future learning, you will see that most German verbs have an easy-to-follow pattern, but the verb ‘sein’ (to be) is simply irregular!
- Like English (but unlike Spanish), you must say both pronoun + verb (“*ich bin*”) together. You cannot simply say “*bin*” or “*ist*” by itself; just like you cannot say “am” by itself in English!
- Each phrase (“*ich bin*” and “*du bist*” and “*er ist*”) should be learned as a pair. You will never put “*bist*” with anything except “*du*”, so learn them together!
- The word “*SIE*” can mean three things: she, they, and You (*formal*). You can distinguish between ‘she’ and ‘they’ by the verb form: *sie ist* vs. *sie sind*. For formal *Sie*, context will make the meaning clear, or a capital letter if written.