

Language Tips

Encourage your child to use accurate grammar and complete sentences throughout the day.

Cleaning a bedroom is a great time to converse with your child while teaching life skills. Instead of “Why is that there?” use descriptive sentences such as “Why is the purple shoe on the third shelf?”



Definition:

Copula or “to be” verb = connects the subject (noun or pronoun) with other words that describe or explain more about the subject. A copula does not show action but describes the singular subject (is) or the plural subject (are).

Examples:

Is = tells about only one person, place, or thing (singular subject) in the present.

- *Tom is* seven.
- *Texas is* big.
- *Dinner is* at six.

Are = tells about two or more people, places, or things (plural subject) in the present.

- *The boys are* smiling.
- *The classrooms are* empty.
- *The rivers are* cold.