BE	BEING	BEEN	AM	IS	ARE	WAS	WERE

As in many other languages, the verb '**be**' is the most irregular of all English verbs. There are as many as **eight** different forms (the average for an English verb is only four).
The good thing about this verb is that we can use it in a large range of expressions. In English there is no difference between *'ser'* and *'estar'*: it's one and the same thing:

> \# Is he dead? / She's tired …
> \# Is it late? / They're Scottish …

• You can greet people and reply to greetings.

> A: *Good morning. How are you today?*
> B: *I'm fine thanks.*

• You can say who you are and where you come from.

> A: *What's your name?*
> B: *My name is -X-. I am from Spain.*
> A: *Oh, so you're Spanish…*

• You can say how old you are.

> A: *How old are you children?*
> B: *They are seven and nine.*

• You can apologise.

> A: *I am (very) sorry.*
> B: *It's all right*.

• You can use 'be' to ask and answer about prices.

> A: *How much is a single room for two nights?*
> B: *It's $-X-.*

• You can use it in your exchanges with other people.

> A: *Can I have a Coke please?*
> B: *There/Here you are.*

• You can use the formulas 'THERE IS/ARE…' to indicate existence.

> - *Is there a shower/telephone in the room?*
> - *There are many interesting places to visit.*

• You can use 'be' with all adjectives.

> IT'S . . . easy / hard / relaxing / exciting / comfortable
> THEY'RE kind / nice / expensive / cheap / new / old …

• You can use it to know about people's interests / hobbies …

Are you…	interested in keen on fond of into	…trekking?

• You can use 'am' / 'is' / 'are' followed by -ing   to describe:

     # what someone is doing at the moment:
                They are having a party.

     # what someone is doing in the near future:
                She's arriving tonight/tomorrow…

• You can use 'be' to talk about the weather.

     It's sunny / hot / windy / cold / chilly…
     Is it raining/snowing?

• Notice that for many expressions where we use *'tener'*, the English prefer *'**be**'*:

to be…	*30 / 40 / 50 … years old;* *cold / hot* *hungry / thirsty* *sleepy* *right / wrong* *in a hurry* *(un)lucky* *careful* *afraid / frightened* *patient* *bad-tempered* *jealous / envious* *successful* *tricky* *funny*