

LESSON 21: STATEMENTS & QUESTIONS WITH "IS," "ARE," "WAS," OR "WERE"

- Use " is ," " are ," " was ," or " were " in writing statements about :

sky
stars

sun
glass

top
window

houses
clouds

Change your statements to questions.

1. Sky

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

2. Stars

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

3. Sun

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

4. Glass

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

5. Top

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

6. Window

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

7. Houses

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

8. Clouds

STATEMENT: _____

QUESTION: _____

CONCORD & INVERSION

Use is / was for one (singular); use are / were for more than one (plural). Statements end with a period (.), questions begin with the verb and end with a question mark (?).

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CORE LINGUISTIC CONCEPTS & PEDAGOGY

- Number & Tense Concord:** Singular nouns pair with *is* (present) or *was* (past). Plural nouns pair with *are* (present) or *were* (past).

- Syntactic Inversion:** Statements follow *Subject + Verb + Predicate* (.); questions invert to *Verb + Subject + Predicate* (?).

- Productive Composition:** Students construct original sentences. Any semantically logical sentence honoring concord and mechanics is valid.

1. sky	is / was	The sky is clear and blue.	Is the sky clear and blue?	Singular noun. Inverts linking verb <i>Is</i> to front.
2. stars	are / were	The stars are bright tonight.	Are the stars bright tonight?	Plural noun. Inverts linking verb <i>Are</i> to front.
3. sun	is / was	The sun was warm at noon.	Was the sun warm at noon?	Singular noun. Inverts past verb <i>Was</i> to front.
4. glass	is / was	The glass is smooth and clean.	Is the glass smooth and clean?	Singular mass/count noun. Pairs with <i>is</i> / <i>was</i> .
5. top	is / was	The toy top was spinning fast .	Was the toy top spinning fast ?	Singular noun (spinning toy or summit). Inversion with <i>Was</i> .
6. window	is / was	The window is open for air.	Is the window open for air?	Singular noun. Inverts linking verb <i>Is</i> to front.
7. houses	are / were	The houses were built of stone .	Were the houses built of stone?	Plural noun. Inverts past verb <i>Were</i> to front.
8. clouds	are / were	The clouds are dark with rain .	Are the clouds dark with rain ?	Plural noun. Inverts linking verb <i>Are</i> to front.

RAPID STATEMENT - TO - QUESTION DRILLS
Call out the statement aloud: "The sky is blue!" and have the class promptly reply in unison with the interrogative form: "Is the sky blue?" This builds reflexive syntactic agility.

CAPITALIZATION SHIFT IN QUESTIONS
Emphasize that when a statement becomes a question, the verb moves to the front and must now take a capital letter (*Is, Are, Was, Were*), while the former first word becomes lowercase (unless a proper noun).

SINGULAR VS PLURAL CATEGORIZATION
Have students group the 8 words into two columns before writing: Singular (*sky, sun, top, glass, window*) vs Plural (*stars, houses, clouds*) to guarantee flawless verb selection.

OPEN COMPOSITION RUBRIC
Validate diverse student ideas! Whether a child writes "The top is on the table." or "The mountain top was covered in snow.", both represent excellent usage.