

Forms of the Irregular Verb *sum, esse, fui, futurus* – to be

The principal parts (pp) for this IRREGULAR verb are:

1 <sup>st</sup> pp	2 <sup>nd</sup> pp	3 <sup>rd</sup> pp	4 <sup>th</sup> pp	Meaning
<i>sum – I am</i>	<i>esse – to be</i>	<i>fui – I have been</i>	<i>futurus – about to be</i>	<i>be</i>

Notice there is no **–re** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> principal part as we have seen with verbs from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> conjugations.

To form this verb there are no “steps”. You just have to memorize the forms and translations

Please note these are not endings. They are words that stand by themselves in a sentence.

PRESENT TENSE

*sum- I am*

*sumus – we are*

*es – you are*

*estis – you are*

*est – he is*

*sunt – they are*

*she is*

*there are*

*it is*

(a pl. noun) *are*

*there is*

(a singular noun) *is*

*sum* is a linking verb. It is used to join the following items together

nouns or pronouns to → nouns or  
→ adjectives or  
→ prepositional phrases

Linking Verbs are sometimes followed by a predicate nominative.

Linking verbs do NOT take a direct object

The queen is a farmer  
*regina est agricola*

The farmers are poets  
*agricolae sunt poetae*

We are farmers  
*sumus agricolae*

I am a poet  
*sum poeta*