



SQUARE DANCING

Hello. I am Ernie Anderson. I am a truck driver. I am from the United States.

Here is a picture of my wife and me. We are with our friends. We are square dancers. Dancing is not our work. It is our hobby.



The square dance is an old American dance for four couples. A couple is one man and one woman. Three other couples are in our square. Their names are Bob and Marsha, Doug and Cathy, and Henry and Eileen.

My wife's name is Hazel. Her dress is short and full. It is a square-dance dress. We are in the front on the left. The music is very fast right now.

I. **Mechanics** Capital letters at the beginning of sentences and for names. Periods at the end of sentences.

Each new sentence begins with a capital letter and ends with a period (.)

This is a good sentence, this is not correct

Names begin with capital letters, too:

Ernie Anderson Bob and Marsha Kovacik

Copy the sentences, and make all the corrections that are necessary.

1. i am ernie anderson
2. i am from the united states
3. we are square dancers
4. dancing is our hobby
5. it is an american dance
6. bob and marsha are our friends
7. henry and eileen are another couple
8. a couple is a man and a woman
9. hazel is my wife
10. we are in the front of the picture

II. **Grammar** Subject pronouns

Study the pronouns below. Then rewrite each sentence and substitute the appropriate pronoun for each name.

I (the speaker)	we (the speaker and others)
you (the second person)	you (plural)
he (masculine) she (feminine) it (things and animals)	they (plural for men, women, things, or animals)



Ernie Bob Doug Henry Eileen Cathy Marsha Hazel

1. Bob is a dancer.
He is a dancer.
2. Ernie is a truck driver.
3. Doug is from America.
4. Doug, Ernie, and Bob are friends.
5. Hazel and Eileen are friends.
6. Cathy and Marsha are in the picture.
7. Hazel is Ernie's wife.
8. Hazel is a square dancer.
9. Dancing is not work.
10. The music is very fast.
11. The dresses are short and full.
12. The picture is from last year.

III. Grammar The verb to be

Study the forms for the verb to be. Then copy the paragraph below, writing in the correct form.

I am	we are
you are	you are
he	they are
she is	
it	

Square dancing_____fun. The music_____fast, and the people
_____friendly. Ernie_____at the dance every week. Hazel_____with him.
She_____a good dancer. Six friends_____with them in a square.
They_____happy to be there.

IV. Controlled Composition Dicto-comp

Your teacher will read the paragraph above three times. Listen carefully, but do not take notes. After the third reading, write the paragraph as well as you can from memory.

V. Sentence Construction Sentence patterns with be

The verb to be connects the subject of a sentence to another word that tells us something about the subject. This second word or phrase after the verb may be another noun, an adjective, or an adverb. In this way, we can see three different basic sentence patterns with the verb to be.

1. Sentence patterns with noun phrases. The word or phrase after the verb may tell us what or who the subject is:

The square dance is an old American dance.

Noun phrase + be + Noun phrase

On the left is a list of subjects. On the right is a list of noun phrases, telling what or who. Choose a subject and a verb and match them with a noun phrase on the right to make a sentence. Write as many sentences as you can. Example: Ernie is a truck driver.

<u>Noun phrase</u>	+	<u>be</u>	+	<u>Noun phrase</u>
Ernie		is		a truck driver
Hazel		are		his wife
They				square dancers
Bob and Marsha				Ernie's friends
Dancing				fun
Doug and Cathy				not work
				a hobby
				another couple

2. Sentence patterns with adjectives The word or phrase after the verb may tell us how the subject is, or what it is like:

The music is very fast.

Noun phrase + be + Adjective

On the left is a list of subjects. On the right is a list of adjectives telling how. Choose a subject and a verb and match them with an adjective on the right to make a sentence. Write as many sentences as you can.

<u>Noun phrase</u>	+	<u>be</u>	+	<u>Adjective</u>
I		am		happy
You		are		welcome
The dresses		is		short and full
The music				fast
The dance				American

3. Sentence patterns with adverb phrases. The word or phrase after the verb may tell us where the subject is, or where it is from:

Ernie is from the United States.
Noun phrase + be + Adverb phrase

On the left is a list of subjects. On the right is a list of adverb phrases. Choose a subject and a verb and match them with an adverb phrase on the right to make a sentence. Write as many sentences as you can.

<u>Noun phrase</u>	+	<u>be</u>	+	<u>Adverb phrase</u>
Four couples		is		from the United States
We		are		in a square
They		am		on the right
Ernie and Hazel				in the front
Bob				in the picture
I				with my wife

VI. **Sentence Construction** Concentration

This is a game you can play with another person. Cut squares of paper to fit over each box below. Cover each box with a square of paper. Have a pencil and paper ready to write sentences.

The first player turns over two squares. He reads the words in the boxes. If they make a good sentence, he writes the sentence on his paper. He leaves the boxes uncovered. If the words do not go together in a sentence, he covers them again. (Remember what is under each square of paper!) The second player takes his turn. Continue playing

until all the squares are uncovered.

The player with the most sentences on his paper is the winner.

Dancing is	The dresses are	one man and one woman.	A couple is
The music is	very fast.	a good dancer.	welcome to dance.
our friends.	I am	our hobby.	You are
short and full.	a truck driver.	They are	My wife is

VII. Controlled Composition Changing from first person to third

Ernie Anderson wrote the paragraph below. He used the first-person pronouns **I** and **we**. Rewrite the paragraph and tell about Ernie. Make all the necessary changes in pronouns: I → he my → his
we → they our → their

I am Ernie Anderson. I am a truck driver. I am from the United States. This is my wife. My wife's name is Hazel. Her dress is short and full. It is a square-dance dress. We are square dancers. We are with our friends. Three other couples are in our square. Dancing is not our work. It is our hobby.