

Simple Present “To Be”: A New Adventure

READING TEXT

Maria Allende is from Chile. She lives in Santiago. She is 20 years old and she is a university student. Maria is in a new country now. She is here to learn English. Today is Monday. It is her first day at Centre Linguista.

The school has many classrooms. It is also clean and modern. It is in a high-rise in the downtown area. It is on a busy and noisy street; but inside the building, it is very quiet.

Maria is in the Beginner I class. She is nervous and a little scared, but she is happy to be in a foreign country and to learn a new language. The Beginner I class is small; there are 4 students in all. The teacher’s name is Natalia. She is from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Natalia is petite and pretty. She is also very patient and organized. She is kind to the students and Maria is happy to be in her class.

There is a Japanese student in the class. Her name is Yuki Takamura. She is very smart and cute, but she is a little bit shy. Yuki isn’t short; she is tall and she is thin.

Eduardo Gomes Pinto is from Brazil. He is also a Beginner I student. He is very handsome. His hair is dark and wavy and his eyes are green. He is 20 years old like Maria.

Finally, there is Michael Zoeller from Switzerland. His home is in the mountains. He is very big and strong. He is a ski instructor. He is usually very happy, but today he is a little worried because he thinks English is difficult to learn.

Maria, on the other hand, is confident. She is excited to begin her new adventure in North America.

Answer the following questions based on the story.

1 Where is Maria from ?

2 What day is it today?

3 Where is Maria now?

4 Who is Maria's teacher?

5 How many students are in her class?

6 Is Yuki short and ugly?

7 Is Eduardo's hair blond and straight?

8 Why isn't Michael happy today?

9 Why is Maria excited?

Write a sentence with the following words.

1. **EXCITED** _____

2. **BECAUSE** _____