

Everyday Reflections Answer Key

Sample Response

Yesterday I **was** tired, but today I **am** full of energy. My dog **is** barking happily as I feed him breakfast. The streets **are** quiet, and the air **is** cool this morning. I **am** ready for school and excited to see my friends. They **are** always cheerful and make the day brighter. (This response correctly uses all three forms in meaningful sentences.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Review examples of correct usage before students write (I-am, he/she/it-is, we/you/they-are).
 - Allow struggling writers to choose from guided prompts or fill in sentence starters (e.g., "I am...", "My family is...", "We are...").
 - Encourage advanced learners to include a mix of all three forms across different contexts.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students read their journal entries aloud in small groups to highlight the use of *am*, *is*, and *are*.
 - Create a "Grammar Wall" where students post their best sentences showing real-life examples.
 - Allow creative formats like diary pages or postcards for more expressive writing.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to underline every *am*, *is*, or *are* they used and check for subject-verb agreement.
 - Challenge students to rewrite their journal entry in the past tense using *was* and *were*.
 - Turn the entries into a class book titled "**Our Everyday Reflections**" to celebrate their writing progress.