## **BOS** 'TO BE' - PRESENT TENSE

# **AFFIRMATIVE**

'Short' form for use with nouns and adjectives

... ov vy I am ...

... osta You are ...

... yw ev He is ...

... yw hy She is ...

... **yw** + noun subject Noun subject is / are ...

... **on ny** We are ...

... **owgh why** You are ... ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

... **yns y** They are ...

Optionally it is possible to put the subject *first*. The verb is then always **yw**. With this construction Second State **vy** turns back into First State **My** / **Me**. Enclitic **ta** becomes **Ty** / **Te**.

'Long' form for use with locations and to make present tense of most other verbs

 Yth esof vy ...
 I am ...

 Yth esta ...
 You are ...

 Yma ev ...
 He is ...

 Yma hy ...
 She is ...

**Yma** + definite noun subject ... Definite noun subject is / are ...

**Yma** + indefinite noun subject ... There is / are + indefinite noun subject

Yth eson ny ... We are ...

Yth esowgh why ... You are ... ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

Ymowns y ... They are ...

It is not possible to put the subject first with the 'long' form.

# **INTERROGATIVE**

'Short' form for use with nouns and adjectives

 Ov vy ...?
 Am I ...?

 Osta ...?
 Are you ...?

 Yw ev ...?
 Is he ...?

 Yw hy ...?
 Is she ...?

**Yw** + noun subject ...? Is / Are + noun subject ...?

**On ny** ...? Are we ...?

Owgh why ...? Are you ...? ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

**Yns y** ...? Are they ...?

'Long' form for use with locations and to make present tense of most other verbs

 Esof vy ...?
 Am I ...?

 Esta ...?
 Are you ...?

 Usy ev ...?
 Is he ...?

 Usy hy ...?
 Is she ...?

**Usy** + definite noun subject ...? Is / Are + definite noun subject ...?

**Eus** + indefinite noun subject ...? Is / Are there + indefinite noun subject ...?

**Eson ny** ...? Are we ...?

**Esowgh why** ...? Are you ...? ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

Usons y ...? Are they ...?

## **NEGATIVE**

Just put negative statement particle nyns in front of the interrogative forms

'Short' form for use with nouns and adjectives

Nyns ov vy ...

Nyns osta ...

Nyns yw ev ...

Nyns yw hy ...

I am not ...

You are not ...

He is not ...

She is not ...

**Nyns yw** + noun subject ... Noun subject is / are not ...

Nyns on ny ... We are not ...

Nyns owgh why ... You are not ... ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

Nyns yns y ... They are not ...

'Long' form for use with locations and to make present tense of most other verbs

Nyns esof vy ... I am not ...

Nyns esta ... You are not ...

Nyns usy ev ... He is not ...

Nyns usy hy ... She is not ...

**Nyns eus** + *indefinite noun subject* ... There is / are not + *indefinite noun subject* ...

Nyns eson ny ... We are not ...

**Nyns esowgh why** ... You are not ... ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

Nyns usons y ... They are not ...

# **NEGATIVE INTERROGATIVE**

Just put interrogative particle a in front of the negative forms

'Short' form for use with nouns and adjectives

A nyns ov vy ...?

A nyns osta ...?

A nyns yw ev ...?

A nyns yw hy ...?

A nyns yw + noun subject ...? Is / Are + noun subject not ...?

A nyns on ny ...? Are we not ...?

A nyns owgh why ...? Are you not ...? ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

A nyns yns y ...? Are they not ...?

'Long' form for use with locations and to make present tense of most other verbs

A nyns esof vy ...?

A nyns esta ...?

A nyns usy ev ...?

A nyns usy hy ...?

A nyns usy + definite noun subject ...? Is / Are + definite noun subject not ...?

A nyns eus + indefinite noun subject ...? Is / Are there not + indefinite noun subject ...?

A nyns eson ny ...? Are we not ...?

A nyns esowgh why ...? Are you not ...? ('you' plural or 'you' polite)

A nyns usons y ...? Are they not ...?