



The verbs **am**, **is**, **was**, and **were** do not show action. They show what someone or something is or was. These verbs are forms of the verb to be.

The verbs **am**, **is**, and **are** tell about now.

I **am** a doctor.

She **is** a teacher.

Joe and Carl **are** students.

The verbs **was** and **were** tell about the past.

Susan **was** a doctor.

Kate, John, and Shelly **were** teachers.

Use **am**, **is**, and **was** to tell about one person, place, or thing. Use **are** and **were** to tell about more than one person, place, or thing.