

Essential German verbs

Verb: "SEIN"

- What are verbs? 'Action words' used to show that some **activity** is taking place (to eat/ to drive/ to run)
- **SEIN** is *the most commonly used* German verb
- In English, this verb is known as '**to be**'
- Depending on **which person** is being talked about whether they are *singular or plural*, SEIN can take 5 different forms, as below:

| | Singular | Plural |
|------------------------|---|--|
| 1 st Person | Ich bin (I) | Wir sind (we) |
| 2 nd Person | Sie sind (You, formal) | Sie sind (You all) |
| | du bist (you, informal) | ihr seid (you all, informal) |
| 3rd Person | er / sie / es ist (he / she / it) | sie sind (they) |

Hence we see that SEIN can take 5 forms: **bin, bist, ist, sind & seid**.

Examples:

Ich **bin** aus Indien. I am from India.

er **ist** aus Indien. He is from India.

sie **sind** aus Japan. They are from Japan.

wir **sind** aus Tecnova Global. We are from Tecnova Global.

ihr **seid** aus Delhi. You all are from Delhi (informal).

du **bist** nett. You are nice. (informal)

Sie **sind** der Chef. You are the boss. (formal)