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Sentence Starters

The following sheets are found in our home study course, but will also be of use to most Welsh learners. Please see our website for a full range of materials for Welsh learners.

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Reference - Sentence Starters-1

As you know, most statements in Welsh start with a verb. Once you're happy with these you're well on the way to fluency. Let's start with the long forms, which are all based on *bod*, to be.

Long forms: present tense; am

me	W i	Dw i ddim	Ydw i?
you	Rwyt ti	Dwyt ti ddim	Wyt ti?
he	Mae e	Dyw e ddim	Ydy e?
she	Mae hi	Dyw hi ddim	Ydy hi?
Dafydd	Mae Dafydd	Dyw Dafydd ddim	Ŷn ni?
us	Ŷn ni	Dŷn ni ddim	Ŷch chi?
you	Ŷch chi	Dŷch chi ddim	Ŷn nhw?
them	Maen nhw	Dŷn nhw ddim	

Notice also when 'mae' is used with an indefinite subject (not 'the' or he, she etc);

Mae coffi yn y cwpan.

There is coffee in the cup.

The question is

Oes coffi yn y cwpan?

Is there coffee in the cup?

and the negative is

Does dim coffi yn y cwpan.

There's no coffee in the cup.

Long forms: past tense; was

me	Ro'n i	Do'n i ddim	O'n i?
you	Ro't ti	Do't ti ddim	O't ti?
he	Roedd e	Doedd e ddim	Oedd e?
she	Roedd hi	Doedd hi ddim	Oedd hi?
us	Ro'n ni	Do'n ni ddim	O'n ni?
you	Ro'ch chi	Do'ch chi ddim	O'ch chi?
them	Ro'n nhw	Do'n nhw ddim	O'n nhw?

Long forms: future; will

me	Bydda i	Fydda i ddim	Fydda i ?
you	Byddi di	Fyddi di ddim	Fyddi di?
he	Bydd e	Fydd e ddim	Fydd e?
she	Bydd hi	Fydd hi ddim	Fydd hi?
us	Byddwn ni	Fyddwn ni ddim	Fyddwn ni?
you	Byddwch chi	Fyddwch chi ddim	Fyddwch chi?
them	Byddan nhw	Fyddan nhw ddim	Fyddan nhw?

Long forms: conditional; would

me	Byddwn i	Fyddwn i ddim	Fyddwn i?
you	Byddet ti	Fyddet ti ddim	Fyddet ti?
he	Byddai fe	Fyddai fe ddim	Fyddai fe?
she	Byddai hi	Fyddai hi ddim	Fyddai hi?
us	Bydden ni	Fyddden ni ddim	Fyddden ni?
you	Byddech chi	Fydddech chi ddim	Fydddech ch?
them	Bydden nhw	Fyddden nhw ddim	Fyddden nhw?

Reference - Sentence Starters-2

Short Forms: past; did, regular

me you he she us you them	CerddAIS I	CHerddAIS I DDIM	GerddAIS I?
	CerddAIST TI	CHerddAIST TI DDIM	GerddAIST TI?
	CerddODD E	CHerddODD E DDIM	GerddODD E?
	CerddODD HI	CHerddODD HI DDIM	GerddODD HI?
	CerddON NI	CHerddON NI DDIM	GerddON NI?
	CerddOCH CHI	CHerddOCH CHI DDIM	GerddOCH CHI?
	CerddON NHW	CHerddON NHW DDIM	GerddON NHW?

me you he she us you them	BwytAIS I	FwytAIS I DDIM	FwytAIS I?
	BwytAIST TI	FwytAIST TI DDIM	FwytAIST TI?
	BwytODD E	FwytODD E DDIM	FwytODD E?
	BwytODD HI	FwytODD HI DDIM	FwytODD HI?
	BwytON NI	FwytON NI DDIM	FwytON NI?
	BwytOCH CHI	FwytOCH CHI DDIM	FwytOCH CHI?
	BwytON NHW	FwytON NHW DDIM	FwytON NHW?

Did: Mynd, Dod, Gwneud

me you he she us you them	Es i	Es i DDIM	Es i?
	Est ti	Est ti DDIM	Est ti?
	Aeth e	Aeth e DDIM	Aeth e?
	Aeth hi	Aeth hi DDIM	Aeth hi?
	Aethon ni	Aethon ni DDIM	Aethon ni?
	Aethoch chi	Aethoch chi DDIM	Aethoch chi?
	Aethon nhw	Aethon nhw DDIM	Aethon nhw?

Des i	Ddes i DDIM	Ddes i?
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Gwnes i	Wnes i DDIM	Wnes i?
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Did: Cael

me you he she us you them	Ces i	Ches i ddim	Ges i?
	Cest ti	Chest ti ddim	Gest ti?
	Cafodd e	Chafodd e ddim	Gafodd e?
	Cafodd hi	Chafodd hi ddim	Gafodd hi?
	Cawson ni	Chawson ni ddim	Gawson ni?
	Cawsoch chi	Chawsoch chi ddim	Gawsoch chi?
	Cawson nhw	Chawson nhw ddim	Gawson nhw?

Short Forms: conditional; should

me you he she us you them	Dylwn i	Ddylwn i ddim	Ddylwn i?
	Dylet ti	Ddylet ti ddim	Ddylet ti?
	Dylai fe	Ddylai fe ddim	Ddylai fe?
	Dylai hi	Ddylai hi ddim	Ddylai hi?
	Dylen ni	Ddylen ni ddim	Ddylen ni?
	Dylech chi	Ddylech chi ddim	Ddylech ch?
	Dylen nhw	Ddylen nhw ddim	Ddylen nhw?

Short Forms: conditional; hoffi, would like

Hoffwn i	Hoffwn i ddim	Hoffwn i?
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