

Re: Conjugation of "to be"

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>*I tried with the following link*

>http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/jwb/wwwjdic?1C_v1

Why have you got "v1" at the end of the URL? The "1C" option means you want to go to the Word Lookup function with the #1 dictionary selected (edict). but there is no valid "v1" add-on.

>*and entered "to be".*

That means you asked for a list of entries with words starting with "to", and which also contained the letters "be".

>*I wished to generate the conjugation*

>*table for that verb but to my big surprise i found that i*

>*couldn't locate "to be" in the list with hits created for me.*

I'm not surprised.

>*What did i do wrong?*

The main thing you did wrong was not to read the documentation. The section at http://www.csse.monash.edu.au/~jwb/wwwjdicinf.html#opins_tag is appropriate here, especially the subsection headed:

"Searching for English Words". A key sentence is "Note that words of only one or two letters cannot be used as keys."

In general you can look up verbs by (a) omitting the "to" from the key, and (b) setting the "exact match" option, which among other things ignores leading "to " sequences.

As suggested, you can try the romaji or kana keys: iru, aru, gozaru, etc. Most of them won't result in conjugation tables as they are too irregular for me to bother with.

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