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Sommario/riassunto	This is an in-depth study of the verb 'to be' in Latin (esse) and its contracted form, with a particular focus on its appearance in the plays of the ancient Roman playwright, Terence.

