

be: affirmative and negative (*I, you, we, they*)

Affirmative			Negative		
Long form	Short form		Long form	Short form	
I am	I'm	Mary.	I am not	I'm not	Mary.
You are	You're	12 years old.	You are not	You aren't	12 years old.
We are	We're	in English class.	We are not	We aren't	in English class.
You are	You're	students.	You are not	You aren't	students.
They are	They're	from Brazil.	They are not	They aren't	from Brazil.

We use *be* for name, age, and nationality.

I'm Alice.

They aren't 12.

We're from Mexico.

We use the short form when we speak.

Hello, I'm Rafael.

You is formal and informal, singular and plural.

You're the teacher. You're Daniel and Artur.

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the sentences with the verb forms.

~~aren't~~ aren't aren't 'm not 're 're



1 Your books aren't on your desk!



2 We 're very good at science.



3 You 're 13! Happy birthday!



4 I 'm not at school today. It's Saturday.



5 They 're pink! Oh no!



6 You 're on the list. Sorry.

2 Complete the messages with the correct affirmative or negative form of *be*.

1 Are you in Europe?

Yes, I 'm in Paris.

2 You 're in class. Where are you?

Oh no! Is our English class today?

3 Are you at the concert?

Yes, and we 're 10 meters from Harry Styles!!! 😊

4 Are your music classes on Thursdays?

No, they 're on Wednesdays.

5 Help! What's "XML"?

No idea – sorry. 😞 I 'm not very good at computer science.

6 I'm in Room 34, but the teacher isn't here.

We 're in Room 34 today! The class is in Room 12.