Life

Beginner Unit 2a

to be (negative): a/an + occupation



She isn't Mexican. She's from Argentina.

She isn't thirty-five. She's thirty.

She isn't married. She's single. She isn't a nurse. She's a doctor.

Presentation

Negative

I	am not	Mexican. from Mexico. thirty-five. married.
he she	is not	
you we they	are not	

I'm not	Mexican. from Mexico. thirty-five. married.
He isn't She isn't	
You aren't We aren't They aren't	

TIP These negative forms are also possible: *he's not, we're not …*

a/an + occupation

Use *a/an* (indefinite article) with a person's occupation.

- Use *a* before words that start with a consonant sound: *a doctor, a teacher …*
- Use *an* before words that start with a vowel sound: *an artist, an engineer …*
- Don't use *a/an* with plurals. Say *doctors* (don't say ~~*a doctors*~~).

I'm You're He's She's	a doctor. an artist.
We're You're They're	doctors. artists.

TIP Most plurals are formed by adding *-s* to the singular: *doctors, teachers, artists, engineers …*

See page 233: Spelling rules

Key vocabulary **Occupations:** artist, doctor, engineer, musician, nurse, student, teacher

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1 Complete the sentences with *a*, *an* or Ø (no article).

1 She's a doctor.
2 He's ____ artist.
3 They're ____ engineers.
4 I'm ____ teacher.
5 We're ____ doctors.
6 You're ____ musician.
7 She isn't ____ artist.
8 I'm not ____ student.
9 You aren't ____ teacher.
10 He isn't ____ engineer.
11 They aren't ____ nurses.
12 You aren't ____ artist.

2 Write negative sentences.

1 She's a doctor, not a nurse. She isn't a nurse.
2 I'm a student, not a teacher. ____
3 You're an engineer, not an artist. ____
4 They're Polish, not Russian. ____
5 We're musicians, not engineers. ____
6 She's Japanese, not Chinese. ____
7 He's single, not married. ____
8 I'm twenty, not twenty-one. ____
9 She's an artist, not a musician. ____
10 They're from Brazil, not Peru. ____
11 We're teachers, not students. ____
12 She's twenty-eight, not twenty-nine. ____

3 Correct the sentences. Use the words in the box.

Australia	France	~~India~~	Peru	the USA











1 The Taj Mahal is in Pakistan.
The Taj Mahal isn't in Pakistan. It's in India.
2 The Statue of Liberty is in Canada.
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3 Machu Picchu is in Mexico.
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4 The Eiffel Tower is in Italy.
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5 The Sydney Opera House is in the UK.
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