

be: I/you

positive			negative		
	I	'm am		I	'm not am not
+	Keira.	from Ireland.	-	Felipa.	from Spain.
	You	're are		You	aren't are not

I'm = I am. You're = You are. You aren't = You are not. Use contractions (*I'm, you're*) in speaking and informal writing.

questions				
	Where	am	I?	
?	are	you	from?	
	Am	I	right?	
	Are	you	Ed Black?	from London?

Use *be + subject (I/you)* for questions.

I'm in classroom 3. Am I in classroom 3?

You're Jim. Are you Jim?

short answers		
	I	am.
Yes,	you	are.
No,	I	'm not.
	you	aren't.

Use short answers to yes/no questions:

Are you David Snow? Yes, I am. David Snow.

Don't use contractions in positive short answers: *Yes, I am.* NOT *Yes, I'm.*

Use *be* with names: *I'm Olga.*

Use *be* to say or ask where a person is from: *Are you from Russia?*

Use *be* with ages: *I'm nine.*

A Complete the conversation with words in the box.

'm Am 're I you I'm 'm Are not I'm aren't you're

A: Hi, I¹ 'm Wayne.

B: Hi, ²'m Fernando.

A: ³ you from Colombia?

B: ⁴ I from Colombia?

A: Yes.

B: No, I'm⁵ .

A: You⁶ from Colombia.

Really?

B: That's right. ⁷ from Spain.

A: You⁸ from Spain! Where in Spain?

B: I⁹ from Barcelona.

A: Oh, ¹⁰ from Barcelona, Spain. Nice.

B: Thanks.

A: Are¹¹ OK?

B: No, ¹² not!

B Put the words in the correct order.
Start with the underlined word.

A: ¹I / George / 'm / Hi Hi, I'm George.

B: ²are / from / Where / you?

A: ³'m / Italy / from / I.

B: ⁴from / Are / Rome / you?

A: ⁵I'm / No, / not. ⁶Venice / from / I'm.

⁷you / from / Rome / Are?

B: ⁸from / I'm / Italy / No, / not.

⁹Ankara, / I'm / Turkey / from / in.



