

be: I/you

positive			
+	I	'm am	Keira. from Ireland.
	You	're are	


negative			
-	I	'm not am not	Felipa. from Spain. from here.
	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?

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

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

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

You're Jim.  *Are you Jim?*

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.*

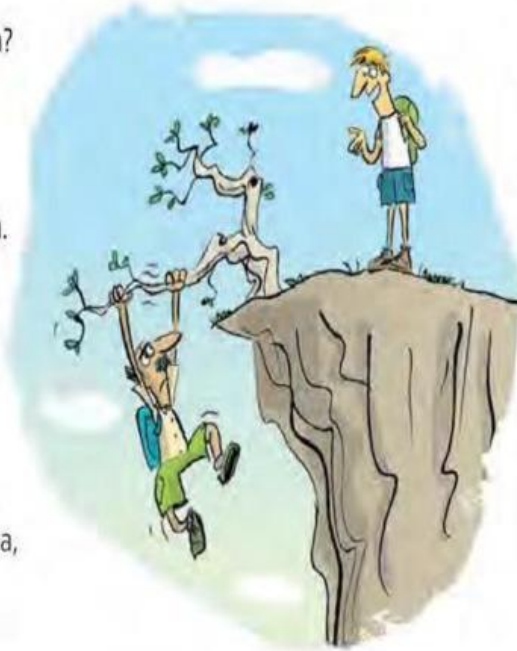
Use *be* to say or ask where a person is from: *Are you from Russia?*

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, I ¹ 'm Wayne.
B: Hi, ² 'm Fernando.
A: ³ 'm you from Colombia?
B: ⁴ 'm I from Colombia?
A: Yes.
B: No, I'm ⁵ 'm.
A: You ⁶ 'm from Colombia.
Really?
B: That's right. ⁷ 'm from Spain.
A: You ⁸ 'm from Spain!
Where in Spain?
B: I ⁹ 'm from Barcelona.
A: Oh, ¹⁰ 'm from Barcelona,
Spain. Nice.
B: Thanks.
A: Are ¹¹ 'm OK?
B: No, ¹² 'm not!



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

- A: ¹ I / George / 'm / Hi Hi, I'm George.
B: ² are / from / Where / you?
A: ³ 'm / Italy / from / I.
B: ⁴ from / Are / Rome / you?
A: ⁵ 'm / No / not. ⁶ Venice / from / I'm.
⁷ you / from / Rome / Are ?
B: ⁸ from / I'm / Italy / No / not.
⁹ Ankara, / I'm / Turkey / from / in.

