

The Verb Be: Negative & Yes/No Questions

- We put **not** after the verb **be** to make negative sentences.
- We put the verb **be** before the subject to make yes/no questions.

Subject	Negative		Yes/No Question	
	Be + Not	Short Form	Question	Answer
I	am not	= I'm not	Am I ... ?	Yes, you are . No, you aren't .
You	are not	= You aren't	Are you ... ?	Yes, I am . No, I'm not .
He		= He isn't	Is he ... ?	Yes, he is . No, he isn't .
She	is not	= She isn't	Is she ... ?	Yes, she is . No, she isn't .
It		= It isn't	Is it ... ?	Yes, it is . No, it isn't .
We		= We aren't	Are we ... ?	Yes, you are . No, you aren't .
You	are not	= You aren't	Are you ... ?	Yes, we are . No, we aren't .
They		= They aren't	Are they ... ?	Yes, they are . No, they aren't .



I am a student.
I'm not a teacher.



Are you a firefighter?
— Yes, I am.



They are pretty.
They aren't ugly.



Is he hardworking?
— No, he **isn't**.
He is lazy.

Check the correct sentences.

- ☒ You are not short.
- ☐ She am not here.
- ☐ I is not tired.
- ☐ They are not angry.
- ☐ We are not hungry.
- ☐ It are not scary.

A Complete the negative sentences.

- I am Canadian. I am not French.
- You are smart. You stupid.
- It is a duck. It a chicken.
- They are my brothers. They my friends.
- He is handsome. He ugly.
- We are police officers. We firefighters.

B Change the sentences into questions.

- You are diligent. → Are you diligent?
- She is American. → American?
- They are cooks. → cooks?
- It is a dragonfly. → a dragonfly?
- We are happy. → happy?
- He is Jack. → Jack?

C Complete the answers.



- A Is she your mother?
B Yes, she is.
- A Are they your brothers?
B Yes, .
- A Is he your father?
B No, . He's my uncle.
- A Is it a hamster?
B No, . It's a kitten.

A Change and complete the sentences using the short negative forms.

- My parents are angry. → My parents aren't angry.
- I am a mailman. → _____ a mailman.
- Greg and I are singers. → Greg and I _____ singers.
- You are my friend. → You _____ my friend.
- The table is heavy. → The table _____ heavy.

B Write the questions.



- A** Are you hungry?

B No, I'm not.
- A** _____

B Yes, she is.
- A** _____

B Yes, they are.
- A** _____

B No, it isn't.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

- I are not Jasmine. → I am not Jasmine.
- Ralph and Fred isn't swimmers. → _____
- It not is your kite. → _____
- Karen aren't my cousin. → _____
- You am not a princess. → _____



When you interview someone, you can use the verb *be* to ask about who or how he/she is.

Complete the interview.

- Let's welcome Fred, an actor, to our show.
- Fred, let's talk about your family first. Is your wife an actress?
- No, _____ She is a lawyer.
- You have a son. he nine years old?
- No, _____. He is eight years old.
- _____ these your daughters?
- Yes, _____. They are really lovely.
- Oh, what is this? _____ it your kitten?
- Yes, _____. It's very smart.
- _____ you happy?
- Yes, _____!



Review!

Complete the chart.

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He		=	... ?		
She		=	... ?		
It		=	... ?		
We		=	... ?		
You		=	... ?		
They		=	... ?		