

# 7 Be

I can recognize and use the present tense of **be**.

## Affirmative and negative



*I'm British.*

*We're students.*

*It's cold.*

*They aren't British. She's from Spain and he's from Poland.*

| Affirmative |            | Negative     |             |
|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Long form   | Short form | Long form    | Short form  |
| I am        | I'm        | I am not     | I'm not     |
| You are     | You're     | You are not  | You aren't  |
| He is       | He's       | He is not    | He isn't    |
| She is      | She's      | She is not   | She isn't   |
| It is       | It's       | It is not    | It isn't    |
| We are      | We're      | We are not   | We aren't   |
| You are     | You're     | You are not  | You aren't  |
| They are    | They're    | They are not | They aren't |

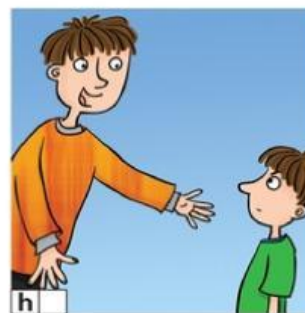
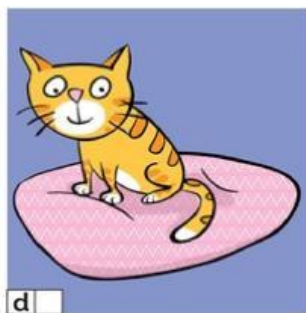
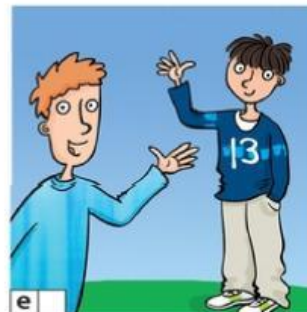
We usually use short forms when we speak. Long forms are more formal.

### \*1 7.1 Complete the sentences with the correct short form of **be**. Listen and check.



- 1 They are teachers.    2 We are friends.    4 She is my sister.    6 It is a cat.  
 3 He is thirteen.    5 You are short.    7 You are in class nine.

### \*2 Match the sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the correct pictures a–h.



**\*3 7.2** Complete the negative sentences with the correct form of *be*. Listen and check.



▶ I'm not a teacher.

- 1 They \_\_\_\_\_ students.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ brothers.
- 3 He \_\_\_\_\_ twelve.
- 4 She \_\_\_\_\_ my mother.
- 5 You \_\_\_\_\_ tall.
- 6 It \_\_\_\_\_ a rabbit.
- 7 You \_\_\_\_\_ in class ten.

**\*4** Circle the correct form to make true sentences.

▶ London is / isn't the capital of England.

- 1 The weather is / isn't hot today.
- 2 My friends are / aren't intelligent.
- 3 Tokyo is / isn't a city in China.
- 4 We are / aren't American.
- 5 Our school is / isn't very big.

**\*\*5** Write the opposite. Use the same form of the verb (long or short) as in the original sentence.



▶ You're in class seven.

You aren't in class seven.

▶ I am not a student.

I am a student.

- 1 We're from London.

- 2 They are not friends.

- 3 She's thirteen.

- 4 You aren't in my class.

- 5 They're sisters.

- 6 I'm a teacher.

- 7 He is my friend.

- 8 We are not at school.

**\*\*6** Correct the information and write true sentences.

▶ London is a small city.

It isn't a small city. It's a big city.

- 1 We're in the UK.

We \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 It's 6 o'clock.

It \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 People from the USA are British.

They \_\_\_\_\_

- 4 Your dad is French.

He \_\_\_\_\_

- 5 Bananas are orange.

They \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 China is a small country.

It \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*7 GAME**

Write three true things and one false thing about you. Read your sentences to the class. The person who guesses the false sentence wins a point. If he/she is wrong, you win a point.



My favourite TV show is ...

My favourite band is ...

My dad is a ... (job)

My grandmother is from ... (place or country)

## Questions and short answers

| Question      | Short answer                                     |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Am I ...?     | Yes, I <b>am</b> . / No, I'm not.                |
| Are you ...?  | Yes, you <b>are</b> . / No, you <b>aren't</b> .  |
| Is he ...?    | Yes, he <b>is</b> . / No, he <b>isn't</b> .      |
| Is she ...?   | Yes, she <b>is</b> . / No, she <b>isn't</b> .    |
| Is it ...?    | Yes, it <b>is</b> . / No, it <b>isn't</b> .      |
| Are you ...?  | Yes, you <b>are</b> . / No, you <b>aren't</b> .  |
| Are we ...?   | Yes, we <b>are</b> . / No, we <b>aren't</b> .    |
| Are they ...? | Yes, they <b>are</b> . / No they <b>aren't</b> . |

To make questions, we put **be** before the subject.  
In positive short answers, we use the full form of the verb.

Yes, I **am**. (NOT ~~Yes, I'm.~~)

Yes, you **are**. (NOT ~~Yes, you're.~~)

### \*8 Match the questions 1–6 with the short answers a–g.

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| ▶ Is it 7 o'clock?               | a No, I'm not.   |
| 1 Are you 16, John?              | b Yes, we are.   |
| 2 Are Sam and Ben in your class? | c No, she isn't. |
| 3 Am I your partner?             | d Yes, he is.    |
| 4 Are you and Emma friends?      | e No, it isn't.  |
| 5 Is Rosa Spanish?               | f Yes, they are. |
| 6 Is your brother tall?          | g Yes, you are.  |

### \*9 7.3 Write the questions and short answers. Then listen and check.

- ▶ Kate / from London? ✓  
Is Kate from London? Yes, she is.
- 1 you / 18? ✗  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 your friends / students? ✓  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Mr Harris / your teacher? ✓  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 your parents / doctors? ✗  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I / in this class? ✗  
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- 6 it / lunch time? ✓  
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### \*10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of **be**.



Mr Davis: Hello. I'm Mr Davis. Are you Joe?

Joe: Yes, I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Hello, Mr Davis.  
<sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I in your class?

Mr Davis: No, you <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. You're in class ten.

Joe: <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it Mrs Simpson's class?

Mr Davis: Yes, it <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Joe: <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Toby in her class too?

Mr Davis: No, he <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. He's in my class.  
<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ he your friend?

Joe: Yes, he <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Jack and Emma in class ten?

Mr Davis: Yes, they <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Joe: Good. They're my friends too.

### \*11 7.4 Now listen, check and read in pairs.

- 12 GAME** Play in pairs. Imagine you are a famous person. Try to guess who your partner is. Ask *yes/no* questions.

Are you a man/woman/boy/girl?  
Are you alive?  
Are you from France?  
Are you a singer/dancer/actor/  
writer/artist...?

- 13** Read the email and complete the missing words.

Hi! My name <sup>1</sup> s Josh. I <sup>2</sup> m from London, and I <sup>3</sup> 'm your new pen friend. I <sup>4</sup> 'm twelve. <sup>5</sup> 'm you twelve too? There <sup>6</sup> 're four people in my family. My dad (his name <sup>7</sup> 's Peter), my mum (her name <sup>8</sup> 's Julie) and my little sister, Jessica. She <sup>9</sup> 's nearly seven. Her birthday is in May. My favourite subjects <sup>10</sup> 're English and maths and my favourite sport <sup>11</sup> 's basketball. My school <sup>12</sup> 's in London. <sup>13</sup> 's your school in a city too? Please write soon, Josh



- 14** Write a reply to Josh. Answer his questions and tell him about you, your family and your school.

Hi, Josh!

Thank you for your email. \_\_\_\_\_

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Bye for now.

### Self-evaluation Rate your progress.

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