

The Verb Be

- The verb **be** (*am, are, is*) changes its form according to the subject.
- We put **not** after the verb **be** to make negative sentences.
- We put the verb **be** before the subject to make yes/no questions.

	Positive		Negative	
	Be	Short Form	Be + Not	Short Form
I	am	I'm	am not	I'm not
You	are	You're	are not	You aren't
He/She/It	is	He's/She's/It's	is not	He/She/It isn't
We/You/They	are	We're/You're/They're	are not	We/You/They aren't

Yes/No Question		Answer	
Am	I ... ?	Yes, you are .	No, you aren't .
Are	you ... ?	Yes, I am .	No, I'm not .
Is	he/she/it ... ?	Yes, he/she/it is .	No, he/she/it isn't .
Are	we/you/they ... ?	Yes, you/we/they are .	No, you/we/they aren't .



I'm a soccer player.
I'm not tall.



Is he a police officer?
- No, he **isn't**.
He's a mail carrier.

Check the correct words.

- ☒ I am
- ☐ You am
- ☐ He is
- ☐ She's
- ☐ I amn't
- ☐ We're
- ☐ They aren't
- ☐ It is'not

A Circle the correct words.

- He (is / are) a farmer.
- We (is / are) very excited.
- I (am not / amn't) angry.
- She (isn't / aren't) hungry.
- Jeff (isn't / aren't) tall.
- They (is / are) artists.
- (Is / Are) the dog ugly?
- (Is / Are) they famous musicians? (Yes, it (is / isn't).
- No, they (are / aren't).

B Complete the sentences with *is/isn't* or *are/aren't*.

- Greece isn't a city. It is a country.
- The mouse is small. It isn't big.
- Trains are fast. They aren't slow.
- A sunflower isn't an animal. It is a plant.
- My grandparents are old. They aren't young.
- Potatoes are fruits. They aren't vegetables.

C Complete the answers.

- A Are you a singer?
B Yes, I am.
- A Is she bored?
B No, she isn't.
- A Is he a brave man?
B Yes, he is.
- A Are they twins?
B Yes, they are.
- A Is it a violin?
B No, it isn't.
- A Are you sleepy?
B No, I am not.

A Complete the sentences using the verb *be*. Use the short forms.

- you / not _____ You aren't excited.
- he _____ a brave man.
- it / not _____ very delicious.
- they _____ soccer players.
- Mary / not _____ a cook.
- the books _____ interesting.

B Complete the dialogues using the verb *be*.



- A** Are they at the beach?

B No, they aren't. They are in the desert.
- A** Is the man thirsty?

B _____ He is very thirsty.
- A** _____ the animal a horse?

B _____ It is a camel.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

- Youam very kind. → You're very kind.
- My father are a dentist. → _____
- She isn't sleepy. → _____
- Is they tired? → _____
- My sisters isn't tall. → _____
- Are the boy hungry? → _____



When you ask for donations for poor children, you can use the verb *be* to give information.

Complete the donation request using the verb *be*.

Support the Children



Are all the children in the world happy?
No, they _____. There are many poor children.
Yogi lives in India. He _____ eight years old.
_____ an elementary school student.
His brother _____ six years old.
His father _____ sick. He _____ a worker.
He earns little money. _____ he lazy?
No, _____. He works very hard. But they
_____ very poor.
Please help Yogi and his family.

Review!

• Complete the chart.

Positive	Negative (Short Form)	Question
I <u>am</u> sleepy.	I'm <u>not</u> sleepy.	<u>Am I</u> sleepy?
You _____ a singer.	You _____ a singer.	_____ a singer?
She _____ a cook.	She _____ a cook.	_____ a cook?
It _____ small.	It _____ small.	_____ small?
We _____ students.	We _____ students.	_____ students?
They _____ bored.	They _____ bored.	_____ bored?