Verbs

11 *am, is, are:* Present Simple tense of verb *to be*

FORM

Positive		*Negative*		
Long	*Short*	*Long*	*Short*	*Question*
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not	Am I ... ?
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't	Are you ... ?
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't	Is she ... ?
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't	Is he ... ?
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't	Is it ... ?
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't	Are we ... ?
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't	Are they ... ?

Note: We can always use the positive short form after pronouns (*I'm, you're, she's, he's, it's, we're, they're*) but we cannot always use it after nouns.

➤ See Appendix 3 on short forms.

Practice

11a Write the short form.

1 It is a lovely day.
It's a lovely day.

2 We are not students.
We aren't students.

3 I am sorry.
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4 She is not here today.
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5 They are in the garden.
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6 It is not very warm.
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7 He is American.
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8 I am not very well.
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9 You are very cold.
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10 We are late.
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11b Complete the sentences with ***am***, ***is*** or ***are***.

1 She ..*is*.. in my class.
2 They ..*are*.. not in my office.
3 I ..... from Spain.
4 He ..... a good teacher.
5 How ..... you?
6 ..... she coming?
7 ..... they at home?
8 The book ..... here.
9 The class ..... very big.
10 The books ..... on my desk.
11 My sister and I ..... leaving.
12 It ..... not my pen.
13 ..... English very difficult?
14 ..... I right?

LIVEWORKSHEETS