

SIMPLE PRESENT - VERB TO BE

AM/IS/ARE



A shortened form of be combined with other words forms a contractions. Apostrophes replace the missing letters.

AFFIRMATIVE

I am	→	I'm
You are	→	You're
He is	→	He's
She is	→	She's
It is	→	It's
We are	→	We're
They are	→	They're

A. Complete the sentences with the simple present tense of be in long form. (am, is, are).

- I _____ a teacher.
- He _____ from Paris.
- It _____ a taxi.
- They _____ from Rome.
- Mary and I _____ students.
- She _____ not from Paraguay.
- _____ you a secretary?
- We _____ not from Tokyo.
- _____ your name Helen?
- You _____ beautiful girls.

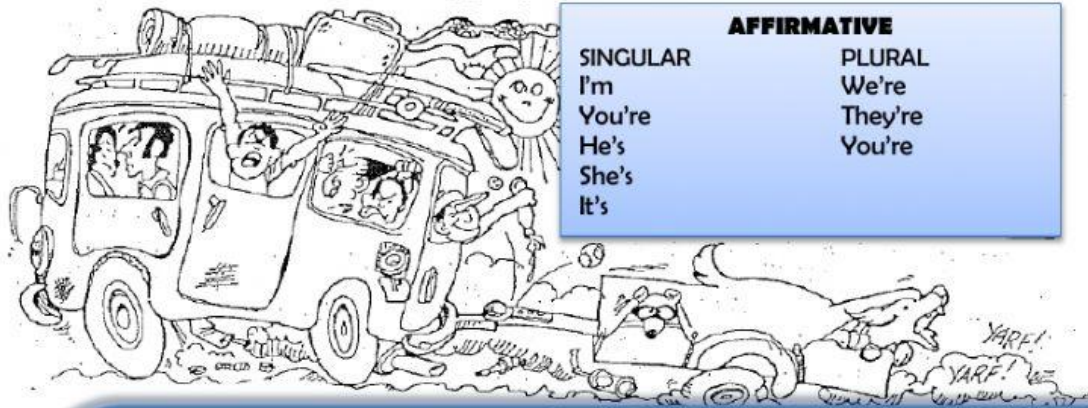
B. Complete the questions and answers. Use the Verb to be.

- _____ you a student? No, _____ not.
- _____ Miguel sleepy? Yes, _____.
- _____ I a good manager? No, _____ not.
- _____ they musicians? Yes, _____.
- _____ Lucy an English teacher? Yes, _____.
- _____ Marcos and John in Bolivia? Yes, _____.
- _____ the dog angry? No, _____ not.
- _____ they the best guitarists? No, _____ not.
- _____ you good musicians? Yes, _____.
- _____ you a new student? No, _____ not.



Contractions of Be

C. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate contracted form.



AFFIRMATIVE	
SINGULAR	PLURAL
I'm	We're
You're	They're
He's	You're
She's	
It's	

- Today is Monday. _____ sunny day.
- Susie is my girlfriend. _____ pretty.
- Lucy and Rodrigo are American. _____ my parents.
- My sister is a lawyer. _____ a good professional.
- My father and my mother are at work. _____ tired.
- Julia is a student. _____ intelligent.
- The dog is angry. _____ hungry.
- The children are impatient. _____ bored.
- My husband and I are tired. _____ nervous and impatient.
- The car is very uncomfortable. _____ small and bad.

D. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate negative contracted form.

- Today _____ Friday.
- Susie _____ my friend.
- It _____ three o'clock now.
- Maria and I _____ Brazilian.
- Julio _____ tall.
- Apples _____ are blue.
- Elephants _____ small.
- You _____ lazy.
- Yucumo _____ industrial town.
- I _____ lazy student.

NEGATIVE	
I am not	I'm not
You are not	You aren't
He is not	He isn't
She is not	She isn't
It is not	It isn't
We are not	We aren't
They are not	They aren't

