

Grammar reference

1.1 Verb be (I/you)

GR1.1

- 1 I'm Helena.
- 2 I'm not here on holiday.
- 3 A Are you here to study? B Yes, I am.

Positive (+)

I	'm am	Mario. here on business.
You	're are	Laura. here to study.

Negative (-)

I	'm am	not	Lee. here on holiday.
You	're are		Mila. here to study.

Yes/No questions (?)

Yes/No questions (?)			Short answers
Are	you	here to study? Mario?	Yes, I am. No, I'm not. No, I am not.

We use the verb *be* ...

- to say our name, e.g. *I'm Sara*.
- with *here*, e.g. *I'm here on holiday. I'm not here to study*.

Contractions

(+) *I am* = *I'm* (–) *I am not* = *I'm not*
you are = *you're* *you are not* = *you're not*/*you aren't*
But: Yes, *I am*. NOT Yes, *I'm*.

We use a capital letter for *I*.

Hi, I'm Jean. NOT *Hi, I'm Jean*.

1 Rewrite the sentences with contractions.

- 1 I am Demir. *I'm Demir.*
- 2 I am here on holiday
- 3 You are here to study.
- 4 You are not here on holiday.

2 Rewrite the sentences to make them negative.

- 1 I'm Seunghee. *I'm not Seunghee.*

2 I'm here on business.

3 You're here on holiday.

4 You're Saud.

3 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

- 1 Ahmed / I'm / Hi, . *Hi, I'm Ahmed.*

2 you / Are / Serina ?

3 on / here / I'm / holiday .

4 you / to / Are / here / study ?

5 I / Yes, / am .

4 Complete the conversation with *am* or *are*. Use contractions where possible.

Peter Hi, I ¹*m* Peter. ² _____ you Karina?

Karina Yes, I ³*m* . Nice to meet you.

⁴ _____ you here on business?

Peter No, I ⁵*m* not. I ⁶*m* here to study. ⁷ _____ you here on business?

Karina No, I ⁸*m* here on holiday.

Peter Oh, that's nice.

1.2 Verb be (we/you)

GR1.2

- 1 We're from Delhi.
- 2 We're not from Angola.
- 3 A Are you from Spain? B Yes, we are.

Positive (+)

We/You	're are	from Russia. here to study.
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Negative (-)

We/You	're are	not	from Tokyo. here on business.
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Yes/No questions (?)

Yes/No questions (?)			Short answers
Are	you	from Brazil?	Yes, we are. No, we aren't. No, we are not.