

LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT PRONOUNS AND POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

GRAMMAR

subject pronouns	possessive adjectives
I	my
you	your
he	his
she	her
it	its
we	our
they	their

Use subject pronouns before a verb.

I m Carlos.

She s a student in our class.

He wants to study Business.

Use possessive adjectives before a noun.

My family's from Bogotá.

Her mother's from Sapporo.

His father's from Al-Ain.

1 Look at the underlined word(s). Write the correct subject pronouns in the gaps to replace the underlined words.

- 1 My sister is a doctor. _____ works in a hospital.
- 2 My parents work in a hotel. _____ 're managers.
- 3 My name is Koko. _____ 'm a student.
- 4 Where is Recife? _____ 's in Brazil.
- 5 Reina and Mari are both from Canada. _____ 're from Toronto.
- 6 My brother and I are students. _____ 're in two classes together.

2 Write the correct possessive adjectives in the gaps.

- 1 This is Koko's book. → This is her book.
- 2 This is my brother's car. → This is my car.
- 3 This is our daughter's school. → This is our school.
- 4 This is Pedro and Isobel's house. → This is their house.
- 5 This is my town and my family's town. → This is my town.

3 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 She / Her name's Kerry.
- 2 Is this you / your house?
- 3 This bag is nice. Is it you / your bag?
- 4 He / His is the manager of a shop.
- 5 They / Their teacher is from Egypt.

- 6 I'd like to study at this university. It / Its courses are very good.
- 7 I / My have a problem with I / my computer.
- 8 We / Our have a restaurant in we / our hotel.



THE VERB BE

The verb *be* has three present forms: *am* ('m), *is* ('s) and *are* ('re).

subject	be	
I	am	from London.
You / We / They	are	
He / She / It	is	

contractions:

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

It is normal to use contractions in conversation.

I'm from the UK. It's a photo of my friend. They're from London.

Add *not* to make the negative.

singular		plural		
subject	be + not	subject	be + not	
I	am not	a student.	You	Australian.
You	are not		We	
He / She / It	is not		They	

negative contractions

singular	plural
I am not → I'm not	You are not → You're not / You aren't
You are not → You're not / You aren't	We are not → We're not / We aren't
He is not → He's not / He isn't	They are not → They're not /
She is not → She's not / She isn't	They aren't
It is not → It's not / It isn't	

The verb is before the subject in questions.

Is she from Turkey? Are you from Istanbul? What's her name?

4 1.3 Listen and circle the forms you hear.

A

Kerry: (1) Who's / Who is your best friend, Yasemin?

Yasemin: Her (2) name's / name is Meral.

Kerry: How (3) old is / old's she?

Yasemin: She's 20.

Kerry: Is she from Turkey?

Yasemin: Yes, but she (4) is not / isn't from Ankara like me. (5) She is / She's from Izmir.

B

Kayo: Excuse me, Kerry. Are you from Sydney?

Kerry: No, no, (6) I am not / I'm not from Australia. (7) I am / I'm from England. But my grandparents are Australian.

They (8) are not / 're not from Sydney. (9) They are / They're from Melbourne.

Kayo: Are your parents English?

Kerry: Yes – and my sisters. (10) We are / We're all English.

5 Write the correct form of *be* in the gaps in the dialogue. Add *not* if necessary.

A: (1) Is your school in Cairo?

B: No, it (2) . It (3) in Abu Dhabi in the UAE.

A: (4) you from there?

B: Yes, I (5) .

A: What do you study?

B: Business.

A: (6) your parents in business?

B: No, they (7) . My mother (8) a doctor and my father (9) a teacher.

A: Do you have brothers and sisters?

B: Yes. I have two brothers.

A: (10) they students?

B: Yes. We (11) all students at the same university.



6 Work with a partner. Practise the dialogue. Give answers which are true for you.