

To Be: Present Tense: Negative Form

Place **not** after the verb **to be** to create the negative form of the present tense.

I am	→	I am not	→	I am not ready.
you are	→	you are not	→	You are not busy.
he is	→	he is not	→	He is not my friend.
she is	→	she is not	→	She is not tall.
it is	→	it is not	→	It is not true.
we are	→	we are not	→	We are not tired.
they are	→	they are not	→	They are not pink.

The negative form of the present tense of the verb **to be** can also be expressed with the contraction **isn't** or **aren't**. There is no contraction for **am not**.

I am not	→	I am not	→	I am not sick.
you are not	→	you aren't	→	You aren't a teacher.
he is not	→	he isn't	→	He isn't a lawyer.
she is not	→	she isn't	→	She isn't ready.
it is not	→	it isn't	→	It isn't a toy.
we are not	→	we aren't	→	We aren't twins.
they are not	→	they aren't	→	They aren't yellow.

EXERCISE

2·1

Use your dictionary to find the meaning of the new vocabulary words needed for this exercise before you begin. Write the words in your language in the space provided.

table

sour

early

city

lime

Spanish

kid

neighbor

drawer

sister

cheese

empty

bus

Italian

pregnant

sister-in-law

Rewrite the following sentences to express the negative form. Write the sentence once using **am not**, **is not**, or **are not** and once using the contraction **isn't** or **aren't**.

1. The cheese is on the table. _____

2. She is my sister. _____

3. My neighbors are Spanish. _____

4. My sister-in-law is Italian. _____

5. Diane is pregnant. _____

6. The limes are sour. _____

7. The bus is empty. _____

8. The kids are early for class today. _____

9. The drawers are empty. _____

10. It is a nice city. _____

EXERCISE

2.2

Use your dictionary to find the meaning of the new vocabulary words needed for this exercise before you begin. Write the words in your language in the space provided.

boss

wife

key

mall

boy

office

far

dragonfly

work

subway

full

garbage can

road

white

garbage bag

eraser

bowl

shelf

fair

black

book

wide

hand

pencil case

husband

pen

school

good

expensive

shoe

idea

late

ceiling

store

car

doctor

Use **am not** or the contraction **isn't** or **aren't** to complete the following negative sentences.

1. The subway _____ full.

2. The windows _____ dirty.
3. It _____ a dragonfly.
4. The keys _____ in the car.
5. The microwave oven _____ in the kitchen.
6. My boss _____ at the office.
7. The boys _____ in the tent.
8. We _____ busy at work.
9. My hands _____ dirty.
10. The eraser _____ in the pencil case.
11. She _____ a teacher in my school.
12. The ceiling _____ white.
13. The bowls _____ on the table.
14. The garbage bags _____ in the drawer.
15. The garbage can _____ full.
16. The store _____ far.
17. It _____ fair.
18. The roads in the city _____ wide.
19. My husband _____ a doctor.
20. The pens _____ black.
21. The books _____ on the shelf.
22. The vacuum _____ in the basement.
23. They _____ friends.
24. The ribbon _____ red.
25. She _____ late for class today.
26. It _____ true.
27. I _____ tired.
28. Barry _____ a good student.

29. The juice _____ cold.

30. My wife _____ at the mall.

31. The shoes _____ expensive.

32. The students _____ tired today

33. The woman _____ old.

34. It _____ a good idea.
