

## 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.

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### 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. The bus is empty. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

8. The kids are early for class today. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. The drawers are empty. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. It is a nice city. \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.

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