

Lesson 2: "To be or not to be"

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To Be

Positive

I am
You are
He is
She is
It is
We are
You are
They are

Examples.

My father is a doctor.

Venice and Milan are beautiful cities.

What a surprise! We are the first people in the cinema.

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Questions

To make questions using the verb 'to be', you do not use auxiliary verbs such as 'to do' or 'to have' that other verbs and tenses use. You just need to invert the subject and verb, as shown in the table above.

Examples.

Are you from Brazil or Argentina?

How old are your two sisters?

Is it an old dog?

Are we ready yet?

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Question

Am I?
Are you?
Is he?
Is she?
Is it?
Are we?
Are you?
Are they?

Not To Be

Negative

I am not
You aren't
He isn't
She isn't
It isn't
We aren't
You aren't
They aren't

Negatives

To make **negative** sentences using the verb 'to be', you only need to add 'not' after the verb.

Madrid isn't in Portugal.

They aren't married, they are divorced!

I am not very happy today.

It's common also to use **contractions**, using an apostrophe to replace vowels.

Examples.

We aren't.

He isn't.

They aren't.

I'm not.

Let's practice 1

Let's practice 2