

## Be (am/is/are)

Affirmative	Negative
<i>I'm a journalist. (I'm = I am)</i>	<i>I'm not a journalist. (I'm not = I am not)</i>
<i>You're a photographer.* (you're = you are)</i>	<i>You aren't a photographer.* (you aren't = you are not)</i>
<i>He's/She's/It's from the US. (he's = he is)</i>	<i>He/She/It isn't from the US. (he isn't = he is not)</i>
<i>We're from Canada. (we're = we are)</i>	<i>We aren't from Canada. (we aren't = we are not)</i>
<i>They're beautiful. (they're = they are)</i>	<i>They aren't beautiful. (they aren't = they are not)</i>

\* Remember that we use *you* to refer to a single person or a group of people.

When we speak and in informal writing we normally use contractions of *be* after pronouns. We use an apostrophe (') to show a missing letter. With *is not* and *are not* there are two possible contractions.

*He isn't American.* = *He's not American.*

*They're not married.* = *They aren't married.*

**5** Look at the grammar box. Complete the information with the correct forms of the verb *be*.

- a affirmative: I \_\_\_\_\_, you \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_
- b negative: I \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_, she \_\_\_\_\_
- c questions: \_\_\_\_\_ you ...? \_\_\_\_\_ he ...?
- d short answers: Yes, I \_\_\_\_\_. Yes, it \_\_\_\_\_. No, you \_\_\_\_\_. No, he \_\_\_\_\_.

**6**  Circle the correct options to complete the conversation. Then listen and check.

A: Hello. What <sup>1</sup> *are* / 's your name?  
B: My name's Mike Burney.  
A: <sup>2</sup> *Are* / *Is* you married?  
B: Yes, <sup>3</sup> *I'm* / *I am*. My wife's name is Sally. She <sup>4</sup> *aren't* / *isn't* here today.  
A: What's her job?  
B: <sup>5</sup> *She're* / *She's* a teacher. <sup>6</sup> *I'm* / *I's* also a teacher.  
A: Are you both from the United States?  
B: No, we <sup>7</sup> *isn't* / *aren't*. I'm from the US, but Sally is from Canada.  
A: And how old <sup>8</sup> *are* / 's you?  
B: I'm thirty-six.  
A: Is Sally also thirty-six?  
B: No, she <sup>9</sup> *'m not* / *isn't*. She's thirty-five.