Uses of the verb to be

1

To say an occupation:

I am a student.

He is a teacher.

2

To indicate place or time.

She is in the shower.

They are from Mexico.

It's 7:00 pm.

3

To describe something or someone.

He is happy.

It is OK.

Singular personal pronouns

Pronoun	Positive	Contraction	Negative	Contractions
I	am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You	are	You're	You are not	You're not / You aren't
He/she/it	is	He's / She's / He's	He is not / She is not / It is not	He's not /He isn't / She's not / She isn't / It's not /It isn't

Plural personal pronouns

Pronoun	Positive	Contraction	Negative Contractions	
We	are	We're	We are not	We're not We aren't
You	are	You're	You are not	You're not You aren't
They	are	They're	They are not	They're not They aren't

Yes-No Questions

VERB TO BE	SUBJECT	COMPLEMENT
Are	you	OK?
Is	he	in the library?
Am	I	in English class?

Short positive answers

VERB TO BE	SUBJECT	COMPLEMENT
Yes,	I	am
No,	he	is not
Yes,	you	are

Affirmative	Negative	(Verb contracted)	(*not* contracted)
Yes, I am.	No, I am not.	No, I'm not.	~~No, I amn't.~~
Yes, you are.	No, you are not.	No, you're not.	No, you aren't.
Yes, we are.	No, we are not.	No, we're not.	No, we aren't.
Yes, they are.	No, they are not.	No, they're not.	No, they aren't.
Yes, he is.	No, he is not.	No, he's not.	No, he isn't.
Yes, she is.	No, she is not.	No, she's not.	No, she isn't.
Yes, it is.	No, it is not.	No, it's not.	No, it isn't.

Wh – Questions

WH word	Verb to be	Subject	Complemen
Where	are	you	from?
Who	is	he?	
When	is	the party?	

Possible answers

I am from Costa Rica.

He is my friend.

The party is on the weekend.