

# 06 I'm not a teacher.

## Grammar Station

### The Verb Be: Negative & Yes/No Questions

- We put **not** after the verb **be** to make negative sentences.
- We put the verb **be** before the subject to make yes/no questions.

Negative		Yes/No Question		
Subject	Be + Not	Short Form	Question	Answer
I	<b>am not</b>	= I'm not	Am I ... ?	Yes, you <b>are</b> . No, you <b>aren't</b> .
You	<b>are not</b>	= You aren't	Are you ... ?	Yes, I <b>am</b> . No, I'm <b>not</b> .
He	<b>is not</b>	= He isn't	Is he ... ?	Yes, he <b>is</b> . No, he <b>isn't</b> .
She	<b>is not</b>	= She isn't	Is she ... ?	Yes, she <b>is</b> . No, she <b>isn't</b> .
It	<b>is not</b>	= It isn't	Is it ... ?	Yes, it <b>is</b> . No, it <b>isn't</b> .
We	<b>are not</b>	= We aren't	Are we ... ?	Yes, you <b>are</b> . No, you <b>aren't</b> .
You	<b>are not</b>	= You aren't	Are you ... ?	Yes, we <b>are</b> . No, we <b>aren't</b> .
They	<b>are not</b>	= They aren't	Are they ... ?	Yes, they <b>are</b> . No, they <b>aren't</b> .



I am a student.  
I'm not a teacher.



Are you a firefighter?  
— Yes, I am.



They are pretty.  
They aren't ugly.



Is he hardworking?  
— No, he isn't.  
He is lazy.

### Check the correct sentences.

- You are not short.
- She am not here.
- I is not tired.
- They are not angry.
- We are not hungry.
- It are not scary.

### A Complete the negative sentences.

- I am Canadian. I **am** **not** French.
- You are smart. You  stupid.
- It is a duck. It  a chicken.
- They are my brothers. They  my friends.
- He is handsome. He  ugly.
- We are police officers. We  firefighters.

### B Change the sentences into questions.

- You are diligent. **Are** **you** diligent?
- She is American. **Is** **she** American?
- They are cooks. **Are** **they** cooks?
- It is a dragonfly. **Is** **it** a dragonfly?
- We are happy. **Are** **we** happy?
- He is Jack. **Is** **he** Jack?

### C Complete the answers.



- ① Is she your mother?  
② Yes, **she** **is**.
- ① Are they your brothers?  
② Yes, **they** **are**.
- ① Is he your father?  
② No, **he** **isn't**. He's my uncle.
- ① Is it a hamster?  
② No, **it** **isn't**. It's a kitten.

## Practice

### A Change and complete the sentences using the short negative forms.

1. My parents are angry. ➔ My parents aren't angry.

2. I am a mailman. ➔ I'm not a mailman.

3. Greg and I are singers. ➔ Greg and I aren't singers.

4. You are my friend. ➔ You aren't my friend.

5. The table is heavy. ➔ The table isn't heavy.

### B Write the questions.



1. A Are you hungry? B No, I'm not.

2. A Is she old? B Yes, she is.

3. A Are they hairdressers? B Yes, they are.

4. A Is it your scarf? B No, it isn't.

### C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. I are not Jasmine. ➔ I am not Jasmine.

2. Ralph and Fred isn't swimmers. ➔ They aren't swimmers.

3. It not is your kite. ➔ It isn't your kite.

4. Karen aren't my cousin. ➔ Karen isn't my cousin.

5. You am not a princess. ➔ You are not a princess.

## Grammar in Writing

When you interview someone, you can use the verb *be* to ask about who or how he/she is.

### Complete the interview.

Let's welcome Fred, an actor, to our show.

Fred, let's talk about your family first. Is your wife an actress?

No, I'm not. She is a lawyer.

You have a son. Is he nine years old?

No, I'm not. He is eight years old.

Are these your daughters?

Yes, I'm not. They are really lovely.

Oh, what is this? Is it your kitten?

Yes, I'm not. It's very smart.

Are you happy?

Yes, I'm not!



### Review!

#### Complete the chart.

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She	<u>is not</u>	= <u>isn't</u>	... ?	
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