

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.

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



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.

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.

Change the sentences into questions.

- You are diligent. → Are you diligent?
- She is American. →                      American?
- They are cooks. →                      cooks?
- It is a dragonfly. →                      a dragonfly?
- We are happy. →                      happy?
- He is Jack. →                      Jack?

Complete the answers.



- A Is she your mother?  
B Yes, she is.
- A Are they your brothers?  
B Yes,                     .
- A Is he your father?  
B No,                     . He's my uncle.
- A Is it a hamster?  
B No,                     . It's a kitten.

**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. → \_\_\_\_\_ a mailman.
- 3. Greg and I are singers. → Greg and I \_\_\_\_\_ singers.
- 4. You are my friend. → You \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.
- 5. The table is heavy. → The table \_\_\_\_\_ heavy.

**B** Write the questions.



1

hungry



2

old



3

hairdressers



4

your scarf

- 1. **A** Are you hungry?
- B** No, I'm not.
- 2. **A** \_\_\_\_\_
- B** Yes, she is.
- 3. **A** \_\_\_\_\_
- B** Yes, they are.
- 4. **A** \_\_\_\_\_
- 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. → \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. It not is your kite. → \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Karen aren't my cousin. → \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. You am not a princess. → \_\_\_\_\_

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, \_\_\_\_\_ . She is a lawyer.
- You have a son. he nine years old?
- No, \_\_\_\_\_ . He is eight years old.
- \_\_\_\_\_ these your daughters?
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ . They are really lovely.
- Oh, what is this? \_\_\_\_\_ it your kitten?
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ . It's very smart.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you happy?
- Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ !



Review!

Complete the chart.

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She		=	... ?		
It		=	... ?		
We		=	... ?		
You		=	... ?		
They		=	... ?		