

7 Be

I can recognize and use the present tense of **be**.

Affirmative and negative



I'm British.

We're students.

It's cold.

They aren't British. She's from Spain and he's from Poland.

Affirmative		Negative	
Long form	Short form	Long form	Short form
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't

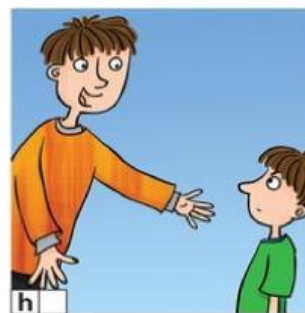
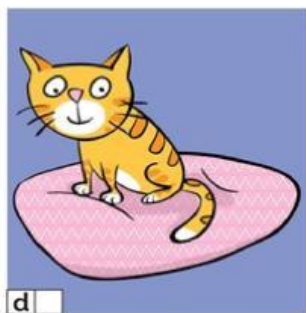
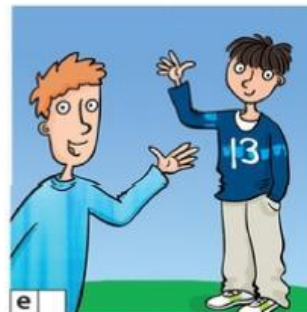
We usually use short forms when we speak. Long forms are more formal.

*1 7.1 Complete the sentences with the correct short form of **be**. Listen and check.



- 1 I'm a student. 2 We ___ friends. 4 She ___ my sister. 6 It ___ a cat.
 1 They ___ teachers. 3 He ___ thirteen. 5 You ___ short. 7 You ___ in class nine.

*2 Match the sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the correct pictures a–h.



***3 7.2** Complete the negative sentences with the correct form of *be*. Listen and check.



▶ I'm not a teacher.

- 1 They _____ students.
- 2 We _____ brothers.
- 3 He _____ twelve.
- 4 She _____ my mother.
- 5 You _____ tall.
- 6 It _____ a rabbit.
- 7 You _____ in class ten.

***4** Circle the correct form to make true sentences.

▶ London is / isn't the capital of England.

- 1 The weather is / isn't hot today.
- 2 My friends are / aren't intelligent.
- 3 Tokyo is / isn't a city in China.
- 4 We are / aren't American.
- 5 Our school is / isn't very big.

****5** Write the opposite. Use the same form of the verb (long or short) as in the original sentence.



▶ You're in class seven.

You aren't in class seven.

▶ I am not a student.

I am a student.

- 1 We're from London.

- 2 They are not friends.

- 3 She's thirteen.

- 4 You aren't in my class.

- 5 They're sisters.

- 6 I'm a teacher.

- 7 He is my friend.

- 8 We are not at school.

****6** Correct the information and write true sentences.

▶ London is a small city.

It isn't a small city. It's a big city.

1 We're in the UK.

We _____

2 It's 6 o'clock.

It _____

3 People from the USA are British.

They _____

4 Your dad is French.

He _____

5 Bananas are orange.

They _____

6 China is a small country.

It _____

****7 GAME** Write three true things and one false thing about you. Read your sentences to the class. The person who guesses the false sentence wins a point. If he/she is wrong, you win a point.

My favourite TV show is ...
My favourite band is ...
My dad is a ... (job)
My grandmother is from ... (place or country)

Questions and short answers

Question	Short answer
Am I ...?	Yes, I am . / No, I'm not.
Are you ...?	Yes, you are . / No, you aren't .
Is he ...?	Yes, he is . / No, he isn't .
Is she ...?	Yes, she is . / No, she isn't .
Is it ...?	Yes, it is . / No, it isn't .
Are you ...?	Yes, you are . / No, you aren't .
Are we ...?	Yes, we are . / No, we aren't .
Are they ...?	Yes, they are . / No they aren't .

To make questions, we put **be** before the subject.
In positive short answers, we use the full form of the verb.

Yes, I **am**. (NOT ~~Yes, I'm.~~)

Yes, you **are**. (NOT ~~Yes, you're.~~)

*8 Match the questions 1–6 with the short answers a–g.

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| ▶ Is it 7 o'clock? | a No, I'm not. |
| 1 Are you 16, John? | b Yes, we are. |
| 2 Are Sam and Ben in your class? | c No, she isn't. |
| 3 Am I your partner? | d Yes, he is. |
| 4 Are you and Emma friends? | e No, it isn't. |
| 5 Is Rosa Spanish? | f Yes, they are. |
| 6 Is your brother tall? | g Yes, you are. |

*9 7.3 Write the questions and short answers. Then listen and check.

- ▶ Kate / from London? ✓
Is Kate from London? Yes, she is.
- 1 you / 18? ✗

- 2 your friends / students? ✓

- 3 Mr Harris / your teacher? ✓

- 4 your parents / doctors? ✗

- 5 I / in this class? ✗

- 6 it / lunch time? ✓

*10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of **be**.



- Mr Davis: Hello. I'm Mr Davis. Are you Joe?
- Joe: Yes, I ¹ _____. Hello, Mr Davis.
² _____ I in your class?
- Mr Davis: No, you ³ _____. You're in class ten.
- Joe: ⁴ _____ it Mrs Simpson's class?
- Mr Davis: Yes, it ⁵ _____.
Joe: ⁶ _____ Toby in her class too?
- Mr Davis: No, he ⁷ _____. He's in my class.
⁸ _____ he your friend?
- Joe: Yes, he ⁹ _____. ¹⁰ _____ Jack and Emma in class ten?
- Mr Davis: Yes, they ¹¹ _____.
Joe: Good. They're my friends too.

*11 7.4 Now listen, check and read in pairs.

- **12 GAME** Play in pairs. Imagine you are a famous person. Try to guess who your partner is. Ask *yes/no* questions.

Are you a man/woman/boy/girl?
Are you alive?
Are you from France?
Are you a singer/dancer/actor/
writer/artist...?

- **13** Read the email and complete the missing words.

Hi! My name ¹ s Josh. I ² m from London, and I ³ 'm your new pen friend. I ⁴ 'm twelve. ⁵ 'm you twelve too? There ⁶ 're four people in my family. My dad (his name ⁷ 's Peter), my mum (her name ⁸ 's Julie) and my little sister, Jessica. She ⁹ 's nearly seven. Her birthday is in May. My favourite subjects ¹⁰ 're English and maths and my favourite sport ¹¹ 's basketball. My school ¹² 's in London. ¹³ 's your school in a city too? Please write soon, Josh



- **14** Write a reply to Josh. Answer his questions and tell him about you, your family and your school.

Hi, Josh!

Thank you for your email. _____

Bye for now.

Self-evaluation Rate your progress.

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