

## 1A present simple *be*: *I*, *you*

### REFERENCE

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Use *be* in the present simple to say your name, your country and your age.

**I'm** Nadia. **I'm** from Argentina. **I'm** seven.

We use *be* with a subject pronoun.

**I'm** from Canada. NOT **Am** from Canada.

#### Positive (+)

subject	<i>be</i>	phrase
I	'm am	Ottavia. nine.
You	're are	a student. from the UK.

We use ' for a missing letter.

I ~~am~~ → I'm You ~~are~~ → You're

We use contractions (*I'm*, *you're*) in speaking and in emails and messages to friends.

**I'm** Tracy. **You're** a teacher.

#### Negative (-)

subject	<i>be + not</i>	phrase
I	'm not am not	John. in Paris.
You	aren't are not	from Spain. American.

We use a contraction (*aren't*) in speaking and in emails and messages to friends. **You aren't** in Italy.

We can also say *You're not*. **You're not** American.

#### Yes/No questions

**You are** a student.



**Are you** a student?

<i>be</i>	subject	phrase
Am	I	in class A1?
Are	you	OK?

#### Short answers

Yes/No	subject	<i>be</i>
Yes,	I	am.
No,		'm not.
Yes,	you	are.
No,		aren't.

We don't use contractions with short answers with *yes*.

**Yes, I am.** NOT **Yes, I'm.**    **Yes, you are.** NOT **Yes, you're.**

We can also say **No, you're not.**

#### Wh- questions with *Where*

Where	<i>be</i>	subject
Where	am	I?
	are	you from?

### PRACTICE

#### 1 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

am are (x2) I (x2) 'm not you

A: Hello, I <sup>1</sup> 'm Sue.

B: Hi, <sup>2</sup> 'm Tony.

A: <sup>3</sup> you from the USA?

B: No, I'm <sup>4</sup> .

A: Where <sup>5</sup> you from?

B: I'm from Canada. And you? Are <sup>6</sup> from Australia?

A: Yes, I <sup>7</sup> .

B: Where in Australia?

A: <sup>8</sup> 'm from Brisbane.

B: Nice to meet you.

A: And you.

#### 2 Change five verbs (*am*, *are*) to contractions ('m', 're') in each conversation.

##### 1 A: Hi Gavin, how are you?

**I'm**

B: Hey Leah. **I am** well, thanks. Where are you?

A: I **am** in South Africa.

B: Really! You **are** in South Africa! Where **in** South Africa?

A: I **am** in Cape Town today and in Johannesburg **tomorrow**. Are you **well**?

B: Yes, I **am**. And **you**?

A: I **am** very well, **thank** you.

##### 2 A: Hello. Are you a teacher?

B: No, I **am not**.

A: OK, you **are** a student.

B: Yes, I **am**. I **am** Elif Buruk.

A: Where **are** you from, Elif?

B: I **am** from Turkey.

A: OK. You **are** in class A1.

