

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

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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	be	phrase
I	'm am	Ottavia. nine. a student.
You	're are	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	be + not	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?

be	subject	phrase
Am	I	in class A1?
Are	you	OK?

#### Short answers

Yes/No	subject	be
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	be	subject
Where	am	I?
	are	you from?

### PRACTICE

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

am   are (x2)   I (x2)   ~~am~~   not   you

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

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

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

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

A: Where <sup>5</sup> **'re** you from?

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

A: Yes, I <sup>7</sup> **'m**.

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?

B: Hey Leah. **I'm** 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.

