

1 My friends

The present simple (1): be

The present simple affirmative and negative: be



Affirmative

I **am**
you **are**
he **is**
she **is**
it **is**
we **are**
you **are**
they **are**

Short forms

I'm
you're
he's
she's
it's
we're
you're
they're

Negative

I **am not**
you **are not**
he **is not**
she **is not**
it **is not**
we **are not**
you **are not**
they **are not**

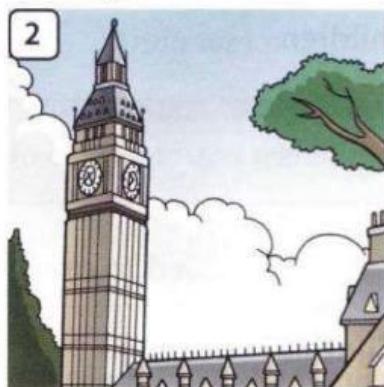
Short forms

I'm not
you aren't
he isn't
she isn't
it isn't
we aren't
you aren't
they aren't

1 Complete the sentences. Use short forms.



He 's from Australia.



It is from the UK.



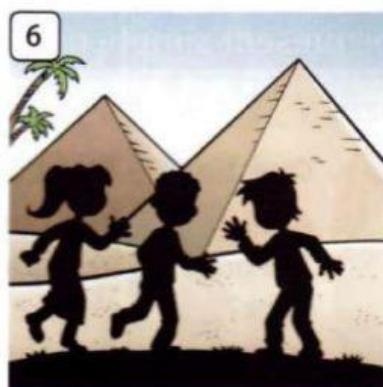
They are from Egypt.



She _____ from the USA.



I _____ seven.



You _____ from Egypt.



We _____ from Brazil.



You _____ eight.



He _____ one.

2 Write negative sentences.

1 Sally / from / the USA

Sally isn't from the USA.

2 you / ten

3 I / from / Australia

4 Mum and Dad / from / the UK

5 we / from / Brazil

6 Jack / five

The present simple questions and short answers: be



Questions

Am I?

Are you?

Is he?

Is she?

Is it?

Are we?

Are you?

Are they?

Short answers

Yes, I am.

Yes, you are.

Yes, he is.

Yes, she is.

Yes, it is.

Yes, you are.

Yes, we are.

Yes, they are.

No, I'm not.

No, you aren't.

No, he isn't.

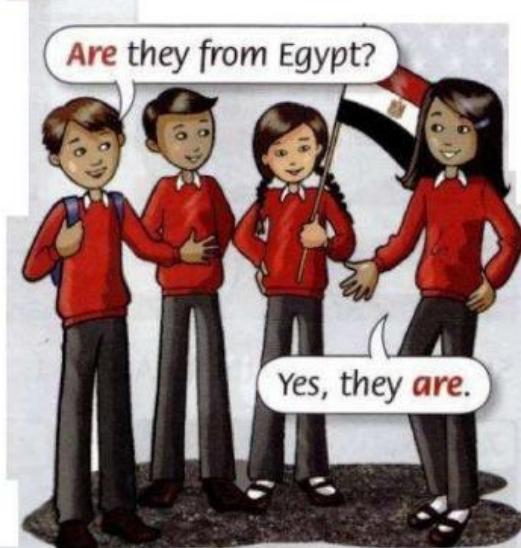
No, she isn't.

No, it isn't.

No, you aren't.

No, we aren't.

No, they aren't.



We often use question words such as **where**, **when**, **why**, **what**, **who** and **which** with **be** to find out information. We also use **how old**. The question word goes at the beginning of the sentence.

Where are you from? How old is she?

In questions, we can use short forms for the **he**, **she** or **it** form. We don't use short forms for the **I**, **you**, **we** or **they** forms.

Where's he from? *He's from Egypt.*

Where are they from? *They're from Brazil.*

3 Where are these children from? Write.



1 Is he from Russia?

Yes, he is.



2 from Egypt?



3 from the USA?



4 from Thailand?

4 Look at the table. Complete the sentences.

Name	Tony 	Jenny and George 	Miguel 	Kanya 	Rafa and Pedro 	Youssef 
Country	Australia	USA	Spain	Thailand	Brazil	Egypt

1 Tony s from Australia. He's from Australia.

2 Jenny and George are from the USA.

3 Miguel from Spain.

4 Kanya from Thailand.

5 Rafa and Pedro from Brazil.

6 Youssef from Egypt.

5 Look at the table in exercise 4. Complete the questions and answers.

1 Are Jenny and George from Australia? No, they aren't.

2 Is Kanya from Thailand? No, she isn't.

3 Is Tony from the USA? No, he isn't.

4 Are Rafa and Pedro from Brazil? No, they aren't.

5 Is Miguel from Spain? No, he isn't.

6 Is Youssef from Thailand? No, he isn't.

6 Read and complete the email using the correct form of **be**.

Hi James

How 1 are you? I 2 your new penfriend. My name 3 is Gary.
I live in Canada but I 4 am from Canada. I 5 am from Scotland.
Where 6 are you from? I've only got your email address. When 7 is your birthday? What 8 are your hobbies?

Please write soon!

Gary