



## The polar bear present simple

**POLAR BEAR CUB:** Mum, am I a real polar bear?

**POLAR BEAR MOTHER:** Yes, dear, of course you are.

**POLAR BEAR CUB:** Really?

**POLAR BEAR MOTHER:** Yes, son. I'm a polar bear. Your dad's a polar bear. Your grandparents are polar bears. Your sisters are polar bears. Your brothers are polar bears.

**POLAR BEAR CUB:** I know that, mum. But am I a real polar bear?

**POLAR BEAR MOTHER:** Of course you are. Be quiet and eat your fish.

**POLAR BEAR CUB:** But I'm not a polar bear, I'm sure.

**POLAR BEAR MOTHER:** Listen to me. You are a real polar bear. Why do you ask the same question again and again?

**POLAR BEAR CUB:** Because I'm *freezing*!

### Grammar: present simple

The verb **to be** is irregular. Look at the full forms and the contracted forms.

Positive	Contracted form	Negative	Contracted forms
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You are	You're	You are not	You're not / You aren't
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't / She's not
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't / He's not
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't / It's not
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't / We're not
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't / They're not

For short positive answers, don't use the contracted form.

Incorrect:	Correct:	Incorrect:	Correct:
Yes, I'm.	Yes, I am.	Yes, they're.	Yes, they are.

### Choose the correct form of the verb to be to complete these sentences.

- He am / is / are cold.
- She am / is / are his mother.
- Why am / is / are your feet cold?
- It's the right answer, I 's / 'm / 're sure.
- Jack and Leo am / is / are my brothers.
- You am / is / are very quiet.

### Match the questions with the short answers.

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| 7. Is she your sister?         | A. Yes, they are. |
| 8. Are your feet cold?         | B. No, I'm not.   |
| 9. Are you and Sally teachers? | C. No, we aren't. |
| 10. Is this the same joke?     | D. Yes, she is.   |
| 11. Am I in the right place?   | E. No, it isn't.  |
| 12. Are you American?          | F. Yes, you are.  |

### Vocabulary exercise

Choose a word to make the opposite of these expressions.

quiet      cold      real      same

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| 1. a different question | the _____ question |
| 2. warm feet            | _____ feet         |
| 3. a noisy child        | a _____ child      |
| 4. a toy bear           | a _____ bear       |