

## SIMPLE PRESENT - VERB TO BE

## AM/IS/ARE



A shortened form of be combined with other words forms a contractions. Apostrophes replace the missing letters.

## AFFIRMATIVE

I am	→	I'm
You are	→	You're
He is	→	He's
She is	→	She's
It is	→	It's
We are	→	We're
They are	→	They're

A. Complete the sentences with the simple present tense of be in long form. (am, is, are).

- I \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ from Paris.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ from Rome.
- Mary and I \_\_\_\_\_ students.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ not from Paraguay.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you a secretary?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ not from Tokyo.
- \_\_\_\_\_ your name Helen?
- You \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful girls.

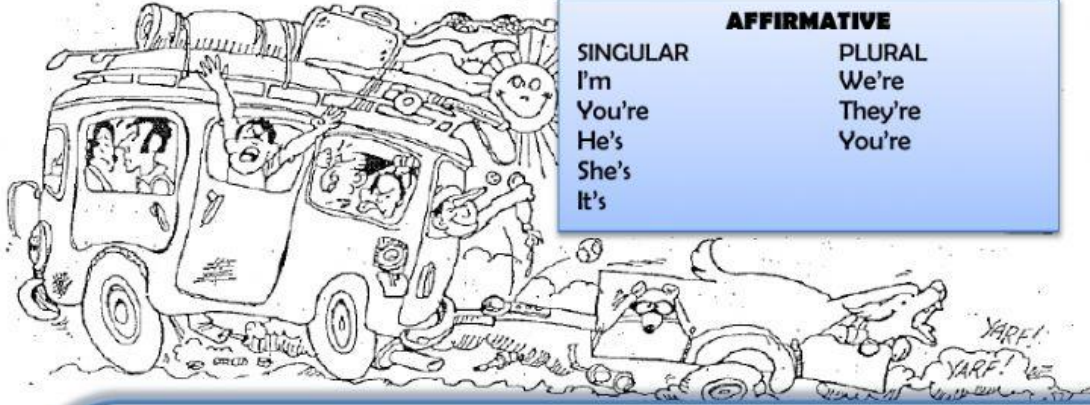
B. Complete the questions and answers. Use the Verb to be.

- \_\_\_\_\_ you a student? No, \_\_\_\_\_ not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Miguel sleepy? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I a good manager? No, \_\_\_\_\_ not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they musicians? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lucy an English teacher? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Marcos and John in Bolivia? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the dog angry? No, \_\_\_\_\_ not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ they the best guitarists? No, \_\_\_\_\_ not.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you good musicians? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you a new student? No, \_\_\_\_\_ not.



# Contractions of Be

C. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate contracted form.



- Today is Monday. \_\_\_\_\_ sunny day.
- Susie is my girlfriend. \_\_\_\_\_ pretty.
- Lucy and Rodrigo are American. \_\_\_\_\_ my parents.
- My sister is a lawyer. \_\_\_\_\_ a good professional.
- My father and my mother are at work. \_\_\_\_\_ tired.
- Julia is a student. \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent.
- The dog is angry. \_\_\_\_\_ hungry.
- The children are impatient. \_\_\_\_\_ bored.
- My husband and I are tired. \_\_\_\_\_ nervous and impatient.
- The car is very uncomfortable. \_\_\_\_\_ small and bad.

D. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate negative contracted form.

- Today \_\_\_\_\_ Friday.
- Susie \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ three o'clock now.
- Maria and I \_\_\_\_\_ Brazilian.
- Julio \_\_\_\_\_ tall.
- Apples \_\_\_\_\_ are blue.
- Elephants \_\_\_\_\_ small.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ lazy.
- Yucumo \_\_\_\_\_ industrial town.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ lazy student.

NEGATIVE	
I am not	I'm not
You are not	You aren't
He is not	He isn't
She is not	She isn't
It is not	It isn't
We are not	We aren't
They are not	They aren't

