

To be



positive			negative		
I	am	(I'm)	I	am not	(I'm not)
he		(he's)	he		(he's not or he isn't)
she	is	(she's)	she	is not	(she's not or she isn't)
it		(it's)	it		(it's not or it isn't)
we		(we're)	we		(we're not or we aren't)
you	are	(you're)	you	are not	(you're not or you aren't)
they		(they're)	they		(they're not or they aren't)
short form			short forms		

- ☞ I'm cold. Can you close the window, please?
- ☞ I'm 32 years old and my sister is 29.
- ☞ It's ten o'clock. You're late again
- ☞ Ann and I are good friends

- ☒ I'm tired, but I'm not hungry
- ☒ Lisa isn't interested in politics. She's interested in art.
- ☒ Those people aren't English, they're Australian

Exercises

Unit
1

1.1 Write the short form (she's / we aren't etc.).

- 1 she is she's 3 it is not _____
 2 they are _____ 4 that is _____ 5 I am not _____
 6 you are not _____

1.2 Write am, is or are.

- 1 The weather is nice today. 5 Look! There _____ Helen.
 2 I _____ not rich. 6 My brother and I _____ good tennis players.
 3 This bag _____ heavy. 7 Emily _____ at home. Her children _____ at school.
 4 These bags _____ heavy. 8 I _____ a taxi driver. My sister _____ a nurse.

1.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Steve is ill. He's in bed.
 2 I'm not hungry, but _____ thirsty.
 3 Mr Thomas is a very old man. _____ 98.
 4 These chairs aren't beautiful, but _____ comfortable.
 5 The weather is nice today. _____ warm and sunny.
 6 '_____ late!' 'No, I'm not. I'm early!'
 7 Catherine isn't at home. _____ at work.
 8 '_____ your coat!' 'Oh, thank you very much.'

1.4 Look at Lisa's sentences in 1A. Now write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (name?) My _____ 5 (favourite colour or colours?) _____
 2 (age?) I _____ My _____
 3 (from?) I _____ 6 (interested in ... ?) _____
 4 (job?) I _____ I _____

1.5 Write sentences for the pictures. Use:

angry cold hot hungry scared ~~thirsty~~



- 1 She's thirsty. 3 He _____ 5 _____
 2 They _____ 4 _____ 6 _____