

To Be: Present Tense: Negative Form

Place **not** after the verb **to be** to create the negative form of the present tense.

I am	→	I am not	→	I am not ready.
you are	→	you are not	→	You are not busy.
he is	→	he is not	→	He is not my friend.
she is	→	she is not	→	She is not tall.
it is	→	it is not	→	It is not true.
we are	→	we are not	→	We are not tired.
they are	→	they are not	→	They are not pink.

The negative form of the present tense of the verb **to be** can also be expressed with the contraction **isn't** or **aren't**. There is no contraction for **am not**.

I am not	→	I am not	→	I am not sick.
you are not	→	you aren't	→	You aren't a teacher.
he is not	→	he isn't	→	He isn't a lawyer.
she is not	→	she isn't	→	She isn't ready.
it is not	→	it isn't	→	It isn't a toy.
we are not	→	we aren't	→	We aren't twins.
they are not	→	they aren't	→	They aren't yellow.

EXERCISE

2·1

Use your dictionary to find the meaning of the new vocabulary words needed for this exercise before you begin. Write the words in your language in the space provided.

_____ table _____ sour _____ early
_____ city _____ lime _____ Spanish
_____ kid _____ neighbor _____ drawer
_____ sister _____ cheese _____ empty
_____ bus _____ Italian _____ pregnant
_____ sister-in-law

*Rewrite the following sentences to express the negative form. Write the sentence once using **am not**, **is not**, or **are not** and once using the contraction **isn't** or **aren't**.*

1. The cheese is on the table. _____

2. She is my sister. _____

3. My neighbors are Spanish. _____

4. My sister-in-law is Italian. _____

5. Diane is pregnant. _____

6. The limes are sour. _____

7. The bus is empty. _____

8. The kids are early for class today. _____

9. The drawers are empty. _____

10. It is a nice city. _____

EXERCISE

2·2

Use your dictionary to find the meaning of the new vocabulary words needed for this exercise before you begin. Write the words in your language in the space provided.

_____ boss	_____ wife	_____ key
_____ mall	_____ boy	_____ office
_____ far	_____ dragonfly	_____ work
_____ subway	_____ full	_____ garbage can
_____ road	_____ white	_____ garbage bag
_____ eraser	_____ bowl	_____ shelf
_____ fair	_____ black	_____ book
_____ wide	_____ hand	_____ pencil case
_____ husband	_____ pen	_____ school
_____ good	_____ expensive	_____ shoe
_____ idea	_____ late	_____ ceiling
_____ store	_____ car	_____ doctor

Use **am not** or the contraction **isn't** or **aren't** to complete the following negative sentences.

1. The subway _____ full.

2. The windows _____ dirty.
3. It _____ a dragonfly.
4. The keys _____ in the car.
5. The microwave oven _____ in the kitchen.
6. My boss _____ at the office.
7. The boys _____ in the tent.
8. We _____ busy at work.
9. My hands _____ dirty.
10. The eraser _____ in the pencil case.
11. She _____ a teacher in my school.
12. The ceiling _____ white.
13. The bowls _____ on the table.
14. The garbage bags _____ in the drawer.
15. The garbage can _____ full.
16. The store _____ far.
17. It _____ fair.
18. The roads in the city _____ wide.
19. My husband _____ a doctor.
20. The pens _____ black.
21. The books _____ on the shelf.
22. The vacuum _____ in the basement.
23. They _____ friends.
24. The ribbon _____ red.
25. She _____ late for class today.
26. It _____ true.
27. I _____ tired.
28. Barry _____ a good student.

29. The juice _____ cold.

30. My wife _____ at the mall.

31. The shoes _____ expensive.

32. The students _____ tired today

33. The woman _____ old.

34. It _____ a good idea.
