

GRAMMAR

1.1 present simple: be

Positive			
	I	am 'm	fine, thanks.
+	He/She/It	is 's	in class 3A.
	You/We/They	are 're	students.
Negative			
	I	'm not	very well.
-	He/She/It	isn't	here.
	You/We/They	aren't	students.

Use a subject pronoun (*I, you, she*, etc.) with a verb.

She is British. NOT *is British.*

You is singular and plural.

Use contractions in speaking and in emails and letters to friends.

An apostrophe (') = a missing letter.

I am Indian. → *I'm Indian.* You *are not* Greek. → You *aren't* Greek.

In the negative, it is also possible to use: *He/She/It's not* and *You/We/They're not*.

She's not here.

Use *be* to talk about:

- who a person is or what an object is. *I'm James. It's a pen.*
- where a person or a thing is from. *She's American. Spaghetti is Italian.*
- people's jobs. *I'm a student. My mother's a teacher.*
- a person's age. *I'm eighteen. Mark's twenty-four.*
- where something is. *The Eiffel Tower is in France.*
- prices. *It's twelve euros.*
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Questions and short answers					
	Am	I	a teacher?	Yes,	I am.
				No,	I 'm not.
?	Are	you/we/they	tourists?	Yes,	you/we/they are.
				No,	aren't.
	Is	he/she/it	OK?	Yes,	is.
				No,	isn't.

Use *be* + subject for the question.

It is good. *Is it good?*

You are from Italy. *Are you from Italy?*

Don't use contractions in positive short answers.

Yes, she is. NOT *Yes, she's.*

PRACTICE

1.1 A Complete the sentences with positive forms of *be*. Use contractions.

- 1 I _____ Sonia D'Angelo.
- 2 They _____ at university.
- 3 It _____ Tuesday today.
- 4 Julio _____ on holiday.
- 5 We _____ from the BBC.
- 6 You _____ in my class, Yasmin.

B Complete the conversation. Use the correct forms of *be*.

Farah: ¹ _____ you Cindy?

Jenny: No, I ² _____. I ³ _____ Jennifer.

Farah: ⁴ _____ you a student?

Jenny: No, I ⁵ _____ the teacher!

⁶ _____ you a student?

Farah: Yes, I ⁷ _____.

Jenny: OK, please sit down.

C Put the words in the correct order. Start with the underlined word.

- 1 in / Debra / the / café / isn't.
- 2 name / your / Is / Khan?
- 3 at / Mrs / aren't / Mr / airport / and / Cabrera / the.
- 4 friend / is / Paolo / This / my.
- 5 their / What / names / are?
- 6 centre / 's / Where / health / the?