

# The verb to be

Affirmative		Negative	
Full form	Short form	Full form	Short form
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't

## A. Write am, is or are.

- You \_\_\_\_\_ nice.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ a bird.
- He \_\_\_\_\_ a boy.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ a funny girl.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ my friends.
- She \_\_\_\_\_ young.
- We \_\_\_\_\_ happy.

## B. Now write these sentences with short forms.

- (It is) \_\_\_\_\_ a flower. (It is not) \_\_\_\_\_ a tree.
- (We are) \_\_\_\_\_ students. (We are not) \_\_\_\_\_ teachers.
- (I am) \_\_\_\_\_ happy. (I am not) \_\_\_\_\_ sad.
- (She is) \_\_\_\_\_ short. (She is not) \_\_\_\_\_ tall.
- (They are) \_\_\_\_\_ at home. (They are not) \_\_\_\_\_ at school.
- (He is) \_\_\_\_\_ my brother. (He is not) \_\_\_\_\_ my friend.
- (You are) \_\_\_\_\_ pretty. (You are not) \_\_\_\_\_ ugly.



**C. Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks with is, is not, are or are not.**



John



Peter



Fred



Sally



Mike



Alan



Pat

1. John \_\_\_\_\_ a policeman. He \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost.
2. Peter and Alan \_\_\_\_\_ vampires. They \_\_\_\_\_ superheroes.
3. Sally \_\_\_\_\_ a witch. She \_\_\_\_\_ an angel.
4. Fred \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost and Mike \_\_\_\_\_ a cowboy.
5. Pat \_\_\_\_\_ a fairy. She \_\_\_\_\_ an angel.
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ using normal clothes. They \_\_\_\_\_ all using costumes.
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ Halloween.



Interrogative	Short answers	
	Affirmative	Negative
Am I ...?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Are you ...?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Is he ...?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Is she ...?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Is it ...?	Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
Are we ...?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
Are you ...?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Are they ...?	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

**D. Now build questions and answer them following the example.**

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| 1. I / a dancer?         | Am I a dancer? | Yes, <u>you are.</u> |
| 2. you / a dog?          | _____          | No, _____            |
| 3. John / a good singer? | _____          | Yes, _____           |
| 4. Sue / tall?           | _____          | No, _____            |
| 5. the CD / new?         | _____          | Yes, _____           |
| 6. I / ugly?             | _____          | No, _____            |
| 7. the school / big?     | _____          | No, _____            |
| 8. Dave / short?         | _____          | Yes, _____           |
| 9. we / friends?         | _____          | Yes, _____           |
| 10. she / a teacher?     | _____          | Yes, _____           |
| 11. the cats / young?    | _____          | No, _____            |