

The verb 'to be'

Affirmative		Negative		Interrogative
Long form	Short Form	Long	Short Form	
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not	Am I?
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't	Are you?
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't	Is he?
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't	Is she?
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't	Is it?
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't	Are we?
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't	Are you?
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't	Are they?

1 Write as in the example.

Long Form

- 1 It is a doll.
- 2 They dancers.
- 3 He a teacher.
- 4 We girls.
- 5 I Tony.
- 6 She a singer.

Short Form

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2 Fill in: **am, is or are.**

- 1 I a dancer and you a singer.



- 2 We football players and they tennis players.



- 3 He a mechanic and she an engineer.



- 4 I a firefighter and he a policeman.



- 5 You a policeman and I a nurse.



- 6 We pupils and you students.



3 Match column A with column B, then write the sentences.

A	B
1 I am a	A a box
2 He is	B Mary
3 It is	C Jim
4 She is	D pupil
5 We are	E singers

..... I am a pupil.

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4 Fill in: 'm not, isn't or aren't.

- I 'm not a teacher.
- You an engineer.
- We dancers.
- He a bus driver.

- She an astronaut.
- I a student.
- They postmen.
- It a dog.

5 Fill in the pronoun I, he, she, it, we, they with 'm not, isn't or aren't.



- He isn't a policeman.
He is a singer.



- a teacher.
I'm a doctor.



- a postman.
He's a pilot.



- firefighters.
They are policemen.



- an engineer.
She's a teacher.



- singers.
We are doctors.

6 Fill in: *Am, Is or Are*.

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| 1 <i>Are</i> you a pupil? | 5 you firefighters? |
| 2 he a teacher? | 6 it a dog? |
| 3 they dancers? | 7 she a nurse? |
| 4 I a pilot? | 8 it an apple? |

Short answers

Am I/Are you a pupil?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is he/she/it big?	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
Are we/you/they pupils?	Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

7 Answer the questions using short answers.



1 Is he 7?

No, he isn't.



2 Are they babies?



3 Is he a firefighter?



4 Is it a zebra?



5 Is she a singer?



6 Are they bees?

9 Fill in: *am, is or are*. Listen and check.

I 1) Meena. I 2) 7. I 3) a pupil. Sunita 4)
my mum. She 5) a teacher. Deepak 6) my dad. He 7)
an engineer. Dev 8) my brother. He 9) a student. We
10) a happy family!