

7 Be

I can recognize and use the present tense of be.

Affirmative and negative

I'm British.



We're students.



They aren't British.
She's from Spain and
he's from Poland.

It's cold.

Affirmative

Long form Short form

I am I'm

You are You're

He is He's

She is She's

It is It's

We are We're

You are You're

They are They're

Negative

Long form Short form

I am not I'm not

You are not You aren't

He is not He isn't

She is not She isn't

It is not It isn't

We are not We aren't

You are not You aren't

They are not They aren't

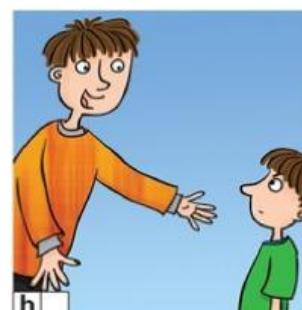
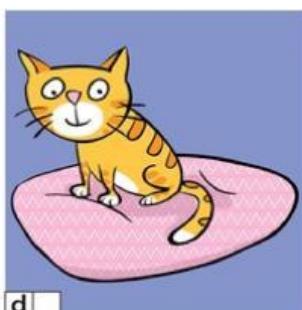
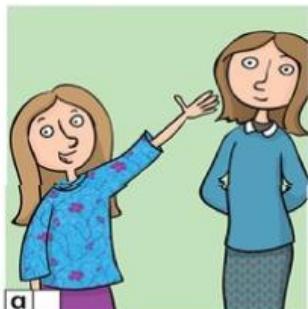
We usually use short forms when we speak. Long forms are more formal.

*1 7.1 Complete the sentences with the correct short form of be. Listen and check.



► I'm a student. 2 We ___ friends. 4 She ___ my sister. 6 It ___ a cat.
1 They ___ teachers. 3 He ___ thirteen. 5 You ___ short. 7 You ___ in class nine.

*2 Match the sentences 1–7 in exercise 1 with the correct pictures a–h.



*3 7.2 Complete the negative sentences with the correct form of *be*. Listen and check.



► I'm not a teacher.

1 They _____ students.

2 We _____ brothers.

3 He _____ twelve.

4 She _____ my mother.

5 You _____ tall.

6 It _____ a rabbit.

7 You _____ in class ten.

*4 Circle the correct form to make true sentences.

► London is / isn't the capital of England.

1 The weather is / isn't hot today.

2 My friends are / aren't intelligent.

3 Tokyo is / isn't a city in China.

4 We are / aren't American.

5 Our school is / isn't very big.

*5 Write the opposite. Use the same form of the verb (long or short) as in the original sentence.



► You're in class seven.

You aren't in class seven.

► I am not a student.

I am a student.

1 We're from London.

2 They are not friends.

3 She's thirteen.

4 You aren't in my class.

5 They're sisters.

6 I'm a teacher.

7 He is my friend.

8 We are not at school.

*6 Correct the information and write true sentences.

► London is a small city.

It isn't a small city. It's a big city.

1 We're in the UK.

We

2 It's 6 o'clock.

It

3 People from the USA are British.

They

4 Your dad is French.

He

5 Bananas are orange.

They

6 China is a small country.

It

*7 GAME Write three true things and one false thing about you. Read your sentences to the class. The person who guesses the false sentence wins a point. If he/she is wrong, you win a point.



My favourite TV show is ...

My favourite band is ...

My dad is a ... (job)

My grandmother is from ... (place or country)

Questions and short answers

| Question | Short answer |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 you ...? | Yes, you are. / No, you aren't. |
| Are we ...? | Yes, we are. / No, we aren't. |
| Are they ...? | Yes, they are. / No, they aren't. |

To make questions, we put **be** before the subject. In positive short answers, we use the full form of the verb.

Yes, I am. (NOT Yes, I'm.)

Yes, you are. (NOT Yes, you're.)

*8 Match the questions 1–6 with the short answers a–g.

► Is it 7 o'clock?
 1 Are you 16, John?
 2 Are Sam and Ben in your class?
 3 Am I your partner?
 4 Are you and Emma friends?
 5 Is Rosa Spanish?
 6 Is your brother tall?

a No, I'm not.
 b Yes, we are.
 c No, she isn't.
 d Yes, he is.
 e No, it isn't.
 f Yes, they are.
 g Yes, you are.

*9 7.3 Write the questions and short answers. Then listen and check.

► Kate / from London? ✓

Is Kate from London? Yes, she is.

1 you / 18? X

2 your friends / students? ✓

3 Mr Harris / your teacher? ✓

4 your parents / doctors? X

5 I / in this class? X

6 it / lunch time? ✓

*10 Complete the sentences with the correct form of **be**.



Mr Davis: Hello. I'm Mr Davis. Are you Joe?

Joe Yes, I 1 ... Hello, Mr Davis.
2 I in your class?

Mr Davis No, you 3 ... You're in class ten.

Joe 4 it Mrs Simpson's class?

Mr Davis Yes, it 5 ...

Joe 6 Toby in her class too?

Mr Davis No, he 7 ... He's in my class.
8 he your friend?

Joe Yes, he 9 ... 10 Jack and Emma in class ten?

Mr Davis Yes, they 11 ...
 Joe Good. They're my friends too.

*11 7.4 Now listen, check and read in pairs.

12 **GAME**

Play in pairs. Imagine you are a famous person. Try to guess who your partner is. Ask yes/no questions.

Are you a man/woman/boy/girl?
Are you alive?
Are you from France?
Are you a singer/dancer/actor/
writer/artist...?

13 Read the email and complete the missing words.

Hi! My name ¹ 's Josh. I ²m from London, and I ³ your new pen friend. I ⁴ twelve. ⁵ you twelve too? There ⁶ four people in my family. My dad (his name ⁷ Peter), my mum (her name ⁸ Julie) and my little sister, Jessica. She ⁹ nearly seven. Her birthday is in May. My favourite subjects ¹⁰ English and maths and my favourite sport ¹¹ basketball. My school ¹² in London. ¹³ your school in a city too? Please write soon,

Josh

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Write a reply to Josh. Answer his questions and tell him about you, your family and your school.

Hi, Josh!

Thank you for your email. _____

Bye for now.

Self-evaluation Rate your progress.



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