

Grammar Station

The Verb Be

- The verb be (**am**, **are**, **is**) changes its form according to the subject.
- We put **not** after the verb be to make negative sentences.
- We put the verb **be** before the subject to make yes/no questions.

Positive		Negative	
Be	Short Form	Be + Not	Short Form
I	am	I'm	I'm not
You	are	You're	are not
He/She/It	is	He's/She's/It's	is not
We/You/They	are	We're/You're/They're	are not

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



I'm a soccer player.
I'm not tall.



Is he a police officer?
- No, he isn't.
He's a mail carrier.

Check the correct words.

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I am	2. <input type="checkbox"/> You am
3. <input type="checkbox"/> He is	4. <input type="checkbox"/> She's
5. <input type="checkbox"/> I amn't	6. <input type="checkbox"/> We're
7. <input type="checkbox"/> They aren't	8. <input type="checkbox"/> It is/not

A Circle the correct words.

1. He is / are a farmer.	2. We (is / are) very excited.
3. I (am not / amn't) angry.	4. She (isn't / aren't) hungry.
5. Jeff (isn't / aren't) tall.	6. They (is / are) artists.
7. A (Is / Are) the dog ugly?	B Yes, it (is / isn't).
8. A (Is / Are) they famous musicians?	B No, they (are / aren't).

B Complete the sentences with **is/isn't** or **are/aren't**.

- Greece **isn't** a city. It **is** a country.
- The mouse **is** small. It **isn't** big.
- Trains **are** fast. They **aren't** slow.
- A sunflower **isn't** an animal. It **is** a plant.
- My grandparents **aren't** old. They **are** young.
- Potatoes **are** fruits. They **aren't** vegetables.

C Complete the answers.

-  **A** Are you a singer?
B Yes, I am.
-  **A** Is she bored?
B No, she isn't.
-  **A** Is he a brave man?
B Yes, he is.
-  **A** Are they twins?
B Yes, they are.
-  **A** Is it a violin?
B No, it isn't.
-  **A** Are you sleepy?
B No, I'm not.

A Complete the sentences using the verb be. Use the short forms.

1. you / not You aren't excited.
2. he is a brave man.
3. it / not isn't very delicious.
4. they are soccer players.
5. Mary / not isn't a cook.
6. the books are interesting.

B Complete the dialogues using the verb be.



1. A Are they at the beach?
B No, they aren't. They are in the desert.
2. A Is the man thirsty?
B Yes, he is. He is very thirsty.
3. A Is the animal a horse?
B No, it isn't. It is a camel.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. You am very kind. You're very kind.
2. My father are a dentist. Is he a dentist?
3. She is'not sleepy. Is she sleepy?
4. Is they tired? Are they tired?
5. My sisters isn't tall. Are my sisters tall?
6. Are the boy hungry? Is the boy hungry?

When you ask for donations for poor children, you can use the verb be to give information.

Complete the donation request using the verb be.

Support the Children



Are all the children in the world happy?
No, they aren't. There are many poor children.
Yogi lives in India. He is eight years old.
He is an elementary school student.
His brother is six years old.
His father is sick. He is a worker.
He earns little money. Is he lazy?
No, he isn't. He works very hard. But they are very poor.
Please help Yogi and his family.

Review!

Complete the chart.

Positive	Negative (Short Form)	Question
I <u>am</u> sleepy.	<u>I'm not</u> sleepy.	<u>Am I</u> sleepy?
You <u>are</u> a singer.	<u>You aren't</u> a singer.	<u>Are you</u> a singer?
She <u>is</u> a cook.	<u>She isn't</u> a cook.	<u>Is she</u> a cook?
It <u>is</u> small.	<u>It isn't</u> small.	<u>Is it</u> small?
We <u>are</u> students.	<u>We aren't</u> students.	<u>Are we</u> students?
They <u>are</u> bored.	<u>They aren't</u> bored.	<u>Are they</u> bored?