

15 Negatives with "to be"

You make a sentence negative by using "not" or its short form "-n't." Negative sentences with the verb "to be" have different rules than negatives with other verbs.

 **New language** Negatives with "to be"

 **Vocabulary** "Not"

 **New skill** Saying what things are not



15.1 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

o'clock. 5 not is It

It is not 5 o'clock.

1 teacher. Paula not is a

2 are not England. We from

3 my This phone. not is

4 years Kirsty not old. 18 is

5 is not Frank my father.

6 This my not purse. is

7 not They are engineers.

8 is That salon. not a

9 Kim a teacher. is not



15.2 FILL IN THE GAPS TO MAKE NEGATIVE SENTENCES

They are not hairdressers.

1 That is not a castle.

2 They are not at school.

3 He is not a grandfather.

4 We are not engineers.

5 She is not 70 years old.

6 You are not French.

7 This is not my dog.

8 I am not a doctor.

9 It is not 11 o'clock.





15.3 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE IMAGES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



15.4 FILL IN THE GAPS TO WRITE EACH SENTENCE THREE DIFFERENT WAYS

She is not a nurse.

She's not a nurse.

She isn't a nurse.

1 _____ Fredo's not a chef.

2 Susie is not my cat.

My dad isn't at work.

3 _____ They're not at the theater.

15.5 READ THE BLOG AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Mia is 45 years old.

True False

1 She lives in California.

True False

2 She's a waitress in a restaurant.

True False

3 She isn't Mexican.

True False

4 Franco isn't an engineer.

True False

5 They have a daughter in college.

True False

Mia's blog

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POSTED MONDAY, APRIL 20

My life

Hi! I'm Mia and I'm 47 years old. I live in Los Angeles, California, and I'm a chef. I work in a Mexican restaurant. A lot of people think I'm from Mexico, but I'm not. I'm from Colombia. I'm married to Franco. He's a carpenter. We have a son, Sam. He studies at a local college.



15.6 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

This **aren't** your cat.

This **isn't** your cat.

1 This **aren't** his umbrella.

2 Pedro **aren't** Spanish.

3 Pete and Terry **isn't** hairdressers.

4 It **aren't** a snake.

5 My cousins **isn't** 21 years old.

6 It **aren't** half past six.

7 **I** **isn't** your friend.



15.7 READ THE BLOG AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Theresa is not from Germany.

True False

1 Lucia is not 41 years old.

True False

2 There isn't a learner from Spain.

True False

3 Pablo is not a teacher.

True False

4 Theresa is not a teacher.

True False

5 Xi is not a chef.

True False

6 Xi does not live in China.

True False

The screenshot shows a blog interface with a header 'For learners' and navigation links 'HOME', 'ENTRIES', 'ABOUT', and 'FORUM'. The first entry is by 'THERESA GEISSLER', posted on Friday, June 18. It features a photo of a woman with long brown hair and text: 'Hi, my name's Theresa. I'm a student from Germany, and I'm 17 years old.' The second entry is by 'LUCIA ALONSO', posted on the same day. It features a photo of a man with glasses and text: 'Hello, everyone. I am from Italy, and my name is Lucia. I am 42, and I am an engineer.' The third entry is by 'PABLO MONTOYA', posted on the same day. It features a photo of a man with glasses and text: 'I am a teacher called Pablo. I come from Argentina. I am 51, and I have been learning English for the last six months.' The fourth entry is by 'XI LIU', posted on the same day. It features a photo of a man with short black hair and text: 'Hello, my name is Xi. I am 32 years old. I am a doctor, and I live with my wife and son in China.'



15.8 TURN THE "YOU" STATEMENTS INTO "I" STATEMENTS

You're a nurse. You're not a doctor.

I'm a nurse. I'm not a doctor.

1 You're a student. You're not a teacher.

2 You're 30 years old. You're not 40.

3 You're a farmer. You're not a police officer.

4 You're French. You're not English.

5 You're an uncle. You're not a father.

6 You're 18. You're not 21.

7 You're a waitress. You're not a chef.

8 You're Spanish. You're not Italian.



15.9 TURN THE "I" STATEMENTS INTO "YOU" STATEMENTS

I'm French. I'm not German.

You're French. You're not German.

1 I'm 28. I'm not 29.

2 I'm a scientist. I'm not a gardener.

3 I'm Austrian. I'm not English.

4 I'm a contractor. I'm not an actor.

5 I'm 16. I'm not 18.

6 I'm an uncle. I'm not a grandfather.

7 I'm a mechanic. I'm not an engineer.

8 I'm a police officer. I'm not a firefighter.



15.10 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 12 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD

I'm not
at work.

I
You
She

'm not
isn't
aren't

at work.
an actor.
American.
40 years old.

