



# 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"

**Aa 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 \_\_\_\_\_ a castle.

2 They \_\_\_\_\_ at school.

3 He \_\_\_\_\_ a grandfather.

4 We \_\_\_\_\_ engineers.

5 She \_\_\_\_\_ 70 years old.

6 You \_\_\_\_\_ French.

7 This \_\_\_\_\_ my dog.

8 I \_\_\_\_\_ a doctor.

9 It \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

3

My dad isn't at work.

4

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 ☐





## 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 web browser displaying a blog titled "For learners". The navigation bar includes links for HOME, ENTRIES, ABOUT, and FORUM. The main content area shows a post dated "POSTED FRIDAY, JUNE 18" with the title "INTRODUCE YOURSELF". There are four entries, each with a name, a profile picture, and a short bio:

- THERESA GEISSLER**: Hi, my name's Theresa. I'm a student from Germany, and I'm 17 years old. (Profile picture of a woman with curly hair)
- LUCIA ALONSO**: Hello, everyone. I am from Italy, and my name is Lucia. I am 42, and I am an engineer. (Profile picture of a man with glasses)
- PABLO MONTOYA**: I am a teacher called Pablo. I come from Argentina. I am 51, and I have been learning English for the last six months. (Profile picture of a man with glasses and a mustache)
- XI LIU**: Hello, my name is Xi. I am 32 years old. I am a doctor, and I live with my wife and son in China. (Profile picture of a man with short dark hair)





### 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.

