

1A present simple *be*: I, you

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Use *be* in the present simple to say your name, your country and your age.

I'm Nadia. **I'm** from Argentina. **I'm** seven.

We use *be* with a subject pronoun.

I'm from Canada. NOT ~~Am~~ from Canada.

Positive (+)

subject	be	phrase
I	'm am	Ottavia. nine. a student.
You	're are	from the UK.

We use ' for a missing letter.

~~I am~~ → I'm ~~You are~~ → You're

We use contractions (*I'm*, *you're*) in speaking and in emails and messages to friends.

I'm Tracy. **You're** a teacher.

Negative (-)

subject	be + not	phrase
I	'm not am not	John. in Paris. from Spain.
You	aren't are not	American.

We use a contraction (*aren't*) in speaking and in emails and messages to friends. **You aren't** in Italy.

We can also say *You're not*. **You're not** American.

Yes/No questions

You are a student. **Are you** a student?

be	subject	phrase
Am	I	in class A1?
Are	you	OK?

Short answers

Yes/No	subject	be
Yes,	I	am.
No,		'm not.
Yes,	you	are.
No,		aren't.

We don't use contractions with short answers with *yes*.

Yes, I am. NOT **Yes, I'm.** **Yes, you are.** NOT **Yes, you're.**

We can also say **No, you're not.**

Wh- questions with *Where*

Where	be	subject
Where	am	I?
	are	you from?

PRACTICE

1 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

am are (x2) I (x2) ~~am~~ not you

A: Hello, I ¹ **'m** Sue.

B: Hi, ² **'m** Tony.

A: ³ **'re** you from the USA?

B: No, I'm ⁴ **'m**.

A: Where ⁵ **'re** you from?

B: I'm from Canada. And you? Are ⁶ **'re** from Australia?

A: Yes, I ⁷ **'m**.

B: Where in Australia?

A: ⁸ **'m** from Brisbane.

B: Nice to meet you.

A: And you.

2 Change five verbs (*am*, *are*) to contractions (*'m*, *'re*) in each conversation.

1 A: Hi Gavin, how are you?

B: Hey Leah. **I'm** well, thanks. Where are you?

A: I am in South Africa.

B: Really! You are in South Africa! Where in South Africa?

A: I am in Cape Town today and in Johannesburg tomorrow. Are you well?

B: Yes, I am. And you?

A: I am very well, thank you.

2 A: Hello. Are you a teacher?

B: No, I am not.

A: OK, you are a student.

B: Yes, I am. I am Elif Buruk.

A: Where are you from, Elif?

B: I am from Turkey.

A: OK. You are in class A1.

