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be, subject pronouns

I am, you are (negative, question)



1 **I am a ballerina!**

2 **Am I pretty?**

Yes, you are.

3 **I'm a bird!**

**You aren't a bird!
I'm a bird!**

4 **Are you OK?**

CRASH!

No, I'm not!

Positive		Negative	
I am		I am not	
I'm	a ballerina.	I'm not	a bird.
You are	pretty.	You are not	OK.
You're		You aren't	

Questions		Short answers	
Am I	pretty? OK?	Yes, you are.	No, you are not. / No, you aren't.
Are you		Yes, I am.	No, I am not. / No, I'm not.

- When we speak, we use short forms: I'm, you're, I'm not, you aren't.
- We use short forms to answer *no*: No, I'm not. No, you aren't.
- But we use long forms to answer *yes*: Yes, I am. ✓ Yes, I'm. ✗
Yes, you are. ✓ Yes, you're. ✗



1 Write *am* or *are*.

- 1 I am Dave.
- 2 You not happy.
- 3 you happy?
- 4 I seven?

2 Write the short form.

- 1 You are happy. You're happy.
- 2 I am not ten.
- 3 You are not sad.
- 4 I am silly!

3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 I'm / Am I a teacher?
- 2 You're / Are you ten?
- 3 I'm / Am I eight.
- 4 I'm / Am I good?
- 5 You're / Are you OK.
- 6 I'm / Are you a bird?

4 Look, read and write.

5 Ask and answer.

- 1 ten?
- 2 happy?
- 3 a pupil?
- 4 a bird?
- 5 a teacher?
- 6 clever?

Now swap roles.



Look! It's a new CD.

Oh! Rex Rock?



1

Is he a good singer?



2

Yes, he is. He's very good. Listen!



3

Oh, no! He isn't good! He's terrible!



4

She's mad!

Positive			Negative		
He	is	a good singer.	He	is not	a good singer.
She	's	a CD.	She	isn't	a CD.
It			It		

Questions			Short answers		
Is	he she it	a good singer? a CD?	Yes,	he she it	is.
			No,		isn't.

		= he
		= she
		= it



6 Write He's, She's or It's.

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 (Zoe) <i>She's</i> happy. | 4 (the girl) tall. |
| 2 (Brian) clever. | 5 (the mouse) grey. |
| 3 (the CD) new. | 6 (the man) a teacher. |

7 Read and write.

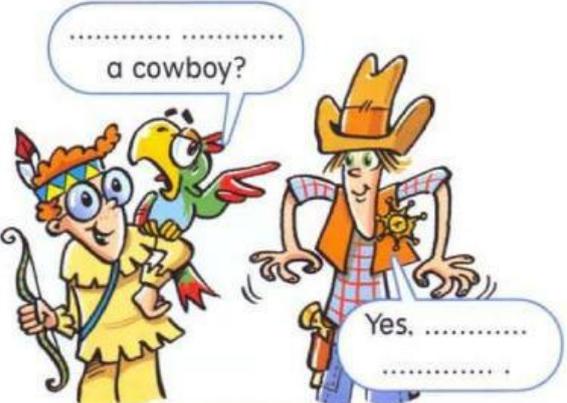
- Brian is tall. No, Brian *isn't* tall. He *'s* short.
- The cat is black. No, the cat black. It grey.
- Corky is a girl. No, Corky a girl. He a boy!
- Zoe is ten. No, Zoe ten. She nine.
- The box is big. No, the box big. It small.
- Dave is silly. No, Dave silly. He funny!

8 Read and write.

1 

Is *it* a bird?

No,
..... a plane.

2 

.....
a cowboy?

Yes,
.....

3 

.....
good?

No,
..... bad!

4 

.....
..... funny?

Yes,
.....

9 Ask and answer.



Is your friend tall?

No, he isn't. He's short.



- 1 tall? 2 funny? 3 a teacher? 4 eight?

Now swap roles.