

Verbs

11 *am, is, are*: Present Simple tense of verb *to be*

FORM

Positive

Negative

<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Long</i>	<i>Short</i>	<i>Question</i>
I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not	Am I ... ?
You are	You're	You are not	You aren't	Are you ... ?
She is	She's	She is not	She isn't	Is she ... ?
He is	He's	He is not	He isn't	Is he ... ?
It is	It's	It is not	It isn't	Is it ... ?
We are	We're	We are not	We aren't	Are we ... ?
They are	They're	They are not	They aren't	Are they ... ?

Note: We can always use the positive short form after pronouns (*I'm, you're, she's, he's, it's, we're, they're*) but we cannot always use it after nouns.

➤ See Appendix 3 on short forms.

Practice

11a Write the short form.

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| 1 It is a lovely day.
<i>It's a lovely day.</i> | 6 It is not very warm.
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| 2 We are not students.
<i>We aren't students.</i> | 7 He is American.
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| 3 I am sorry.
..... | 8 I am not very well.
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| 4 She is not here today.
..... | 9 You are very cold.
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| 5 They are in the garden.
..... | 10 We are late.
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11b Complete the sentences with *am, is* or *are*.

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| 1 She <i>is</i> in my class. | 8 The book here. |
| 2 They <i>are</i> not in my office. | 9 The class very big. |
| 3 I from Spain. | 10 The books on my desk. |
| 4 He a good teacher. | 11 My sister and I leaving. |
| 5 How you? | 12 It not my pen. |
| 6 she coming? | 13 English very difficult? |
| 7 they at home? | 14 I right? |