

The present simple affirmative and negative: be



Affirmative

I **am**
you **are**
he **is**
she **is**
it **is**
we **are**
you **are**
they **are**

Short forms

I'm
you're
he's
she's
it's
we're
you're
they're

Negative

I **am not**
you **are not**
he **is not**
she **is not**
it **is not**
we **are not**
you **are not**
they **are not**

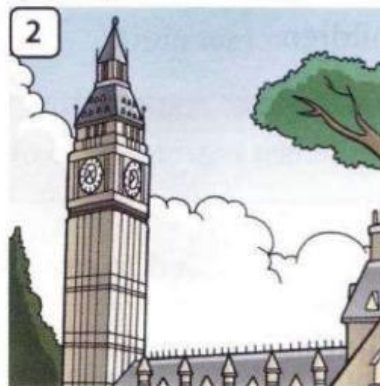
Short forms

I'm **not**
you **aren't**
he **isn't**
she **isn't**
it **isn't**
we **aren't**
you **aren't**
they **aren't**

1 Complete the sentences. Use short forms.



He 's from Australia.



It _____ from the UK.



They _____ from Egypt.



She _____ from the USA.



I _____ seven.



You _____ from Egypt.



We _____ from Brazil.



You _____ eight.



He _____ one.

2 Write negative sentences.

1 Sally / from / the USA

Sally isn't from the USA.

2 you / ten

3 I / from / Australia

4 Mum and Dad / from / the UK

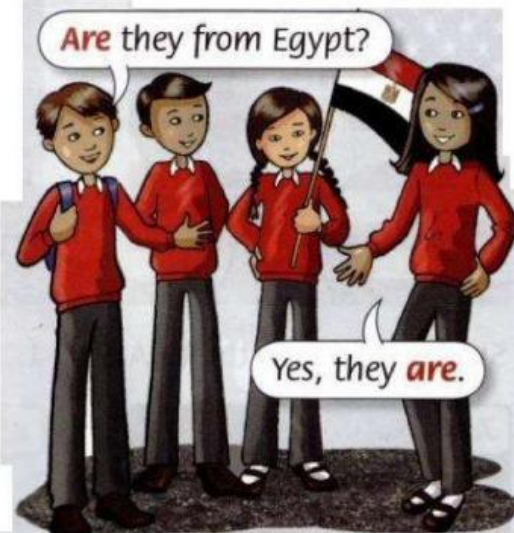
5 we / from / Brazil

6 Jack / five

The present simple questions and short answers: be



Questions	Short answers	
Am I?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Are you?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Is he?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Is she?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Is it?	Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
Are we?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Are you?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
Are they?	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.



We often use question words such as **where**, **when**, **why**, **what**, **who** and **which** with **be** to find out information. We also use **how old**. The question word goes at the beginning of the sentence.

Where are you from? How old is she?

In questions, we can use short forms for the **he**, **she** or **it** form. We don't use short forms for the **I**, **you**, **we** or **they** forms.

Where's he from? He's from Egypt.

Where are they from? They're from Brazil.

3 Where are these children from? Write.



1 Is he from Russia? Yes, he is.

2 _____ from Egypt? _____

3 _____ from the USA? _____

4 _____ from Thailand? _____

4 Look at the table. Complete the sentences.

Name	Tony 	Jenny and George 	Miguel 	Kanya 	Rafa and Pedro 	Youssef 
Country	Australia	USA	Spain	Thailand	Brazil	Egypt

- 1 Tony 's from Australia. He's from Australia.
- 2 Jenny and George _____ from _____.
- 3 _____ from Spain. _____ from _____.
- 4 Kanya _____ from _____.
- 5 _____ from Brazil. _____ from _____.
- 6 Youssef _____ from _____.

5 Look at the table in exercise 4. Complete the questions and answers.

- 1 Are Jenny and George from Australia? No, they aren't.
- 2 _____ Kanya from Thailand? _____
- 3 _____ Tony from the USA? _____
- 4 _____ Rafa and Pedro from Brazil? _____
- 5 _____ Miguel from Spain? _____
- 6 _____ Youssef from Thailand? _____

6 Read and complete the email using the correct form of **be**.

Hi James

How **1** are you? I **2** _____ your new penfriend. My name **3** _____ Gary.

I live in Canada but I **4** _____ from Canada. I **5** _____ from Scotland.

Where **6** _____ you from? I've only got your email address. When **7** _____ your birthday? What **8** _____ your hobbies?

Please write soon!

Gary