

be I am happy today. Are we late?

BE: PRESENT					
+	I am	you are	he/she/it is	we are	they are
?	am I?	are you?	is he/she/it?	are we?	are they?
-	I am not	you are not	he/she/it is not	we are not	they are not

I **am** a doctor. **Are** you American? We **are not** ready.

1 Put in *am*, *are* or *is*.

- ▶ You are late.
- 1 We very well.
- 2 My sister a doctor.
- 3 Paul and Ann in America.
- 4 I happy today.
- 5 I think you tired.
- 6 Our house very small.
- 7 I nearly ready.

In **conversation** and informal writing, we use **contractions**:

I'm *you're* *he's* *she's* *it's* *John's* *the train's* *we're* *they're*

I'm a doctor. *You're* late. *John's* in London. *The shop's* open. *We're* ready.

2 Write these sentences with contractions.

- ▶ Claire is ill. Claire's ill.
- 1 We are all tired.
- 2 They are here.
- 3 I am sorry.
- 4 My name is Peter.
- 5 You are early.
- 6 The shop is closed.
- 7 She is at home.

To make **questions** (?) with *be*, we put the **verb** before the **subject**.

STATEMENT +: I **am** late. **The taxi is** here. **We are** late. **Your keys are** in the car.

QUESTION ? : **Am I** late? **Is the taxi** here? **Are we** late? **Are my keys** in the car?

3 Make questions.

- ▶ Bill / Scottish is Bill Scottish?
- 1 Marie / from Paris
- 2 we / very late
- 3 John / in bed
- 4 the boss / here
- 5 your car / fast
- 6 Luke / here
- 7 we all / ready
- 8 I / early
- 9 they / at home
- 10 you / happy
- 11 Joe / married
- 12 this / your house
- 13 that / Jane

Do you know all these **question words**? *who what when where why how*

Contractions with *is*: *who's what's when's where's why's how's*

Who's that? *What's* this? *When's* the party? *Where's* the station? *Why* are we here? *How* are you?

4 Put in question words with *are* or *'s*.

- ▶ ' Who's that?' 'It's my brother.'
- ▶ ' Where are Leo and Amy?' 'In London.'
- 1 '..... your name?' 'Maria.'
- 2 '..... my glasses?' 'Here.'
- 3 '..... your teacher?' 'Mrs Allen.'
- 4 '..... the exams?' 'On Tuesday.'
- 5 '..... you late?' 'My watch is broken.'
- 6 '..... your mother?' 'Not very well.'
- 7 '..... Daniel?' 'In hospital.'
- 8 '..... those men?' 'I don't know.'
- 9 '..... your parents?' 'Very well.'
- 10 '..... your birthday?' 'March 17th.'

To make negative (☐) sentences with *be*, we put **not** after *am/are/is* or *'m, 're, 's*.

I am not Scottish. *We are not* ready. *I'm not* tired. *She's not* here. *They're not* my friends.

We can also make contractions with **n't**: you *aren't*, *she isn't* etc (BUT NOT *Iamn't*).

5 Write negative (☐) ends for the sentences.

- ▶ I'm Greek, but (☐ from Athens) *I'm not from Athens.*
- ▶ It's winter, but (☐ cold) *it's not cold.* OR *it isn't cold.*
- 1 She's tired, but (☐ ill)
- 2 They are in England, but (☐ in London)
- 3 You're tall, but (☐ too tall)
- 4 We are late, but (☐ very late)
- 5 It's summer, but (☐ hot)
- 6 I'm a student, but (☐ at university)
- 7 John's good-looking, but (☐ very nice)
- 8 Anne is at work, but (☐ in her office)
- 9 This is a nice coat, but (☐ mine)
- 10 It's a big car, but (☐ very fast)

We often use *be* with: *hungry, thirsty, cold, hot, right, wrong, afraid, interested, what colour?, what size?*

And we use *be* with *ages*.

Have you got anything to eat? I'm hungry. I'm cold. It's very hot here in summer.

'It's late.' 'You're right. Let's go.' Are you afraid of flying? I'm interested in politics.

What colour is her hair? What size are your shoes? 'How old are you?' 'I'm 17.'

6 Complete the sentences under the pictures.



- ▶ She is *hungry*... 1 He
- 2 She
- 3
- 4 It

7 Put in words from the box.

afraid ✓ cold colour hot hungry interested old right size thirsty wrong

- ▶ He is a big man, but he is *afraid* of her.
- 1 You think I'm wrong, but I know I'm
- 2 'What is that T-shirt?' 'Extra large.'
- 3 What is your car?
- 4 Sorry, I'm not in her problems.
- 5 'It's the 18th today.' 'You're - it's the 19th.'
- 6 'Something to drink?' 'No, thanks. I'm not
- 7 'It's in here.' 'Open a window.'
- 8 Is it here in winter?
- 9 'How is your girlfriend?' 'She's 19.'
- 10 'I'm ' 'Would you like a sandwich?'

In some answers, both contracted forms (for example *I'm, don't*) and full forms (for example *I am, do not*) are possible. Normally both are correct.