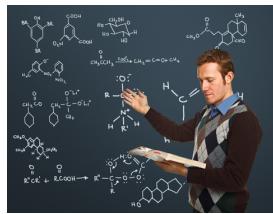


To be



James **is** a teacher.

The affirmative form

The affirmative form: subject + 'to be'

I **am**

You **are**

He **is**

She **is**

It **is**

They **are**

We **are**

They **are**

Nationality **I **am** Canadian.**
Name **She **is** Erica.**

Age **He **is** 35.**

Job **She **is** an architect.**

Description **It **is** beautiful.**

Location **They **are** in London.**

The negative form

The negative form: subject + 'to be' + not

I am not

You are not

He is not

She is not

It is not

We are not

They are not



I am a sales assistant. I am not a customer.



He is a doctor. He is not a pharmacist.



It is France. It is not Italy.



They are in Paris. They are not in London.

The interrogative form

The Interrogative form: 'to be' + subject

Am I?

Are you?

Is he?

Is she?

Is it?

Are you?

Are we?

Are they?



Am I on time?



Is she at work?



Is it interesting?



Are they in Paris?

The contracted form



Hello. I'm Tony.

Replace the first letter of **am**, **are** and **is** with an apostrophe.

Full form

I am

You are

He is

Contracted form

I'm

You're

He's

She is	She's
It is	It's
We are	We're
They are	They're

Use the **contracted form** when speaking and in informal writing.

Use the full form in formal writing.

Examples

I'm American.
 You're a manager.
 He's a doctor.
 She's at work.
 It's interesting.
 We're French.
 They're in Paris.

The negative form



I'm American. I'm not Canadian.

Construction

The contracted form of 'to be' in the negative:

subject + contracted form of 'to be' + not

or

subject + 'to be' with contracted form of not

You're not

You aren't

Note: I'm not ✓ I amn't ✗

Contracted form 1

I'm not
 You're not
 He's not
 She's not
 It's not
 We're not
 They're not

Contracted form 2

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 You aren't
 He isn't
 She isn't
 It isn't
 We aren't
 They aren't

Examples



He's a doctor. He **isn't** a pharmacist.



It's France. It **isn't** Italy.



We're French. We **aren't** Swiss.



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