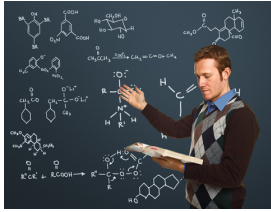


# To be



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  
Name

I **am** Canadian.  
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**



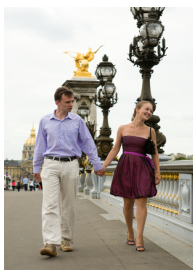
**I am** a sales assistant. **I am not** a customer.



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 <b>is</b>	She's
It <b>is</b>	It's
We <b>are</b>	We're
They <b>are</b>	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

You're **not**

or

subject + 'to be' with contracted form of 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

-  
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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