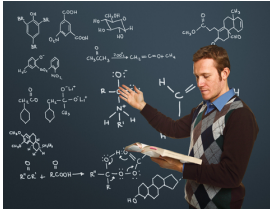


To be



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

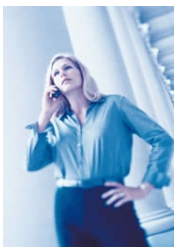
He is not

She is not

It is not

We are not

They are not



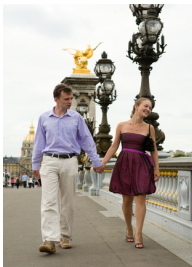
I am a sales assistant. **I am not** a customer.



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 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

-
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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