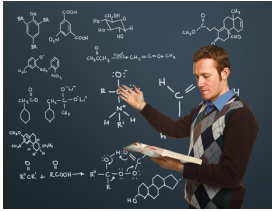


# To be



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**

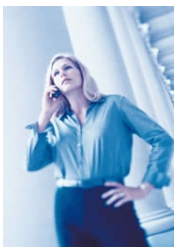
**He is not**

**She is not**

**It is not**

**We are not**

**They are not**



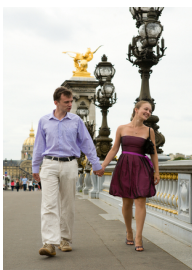
**I am** a sales assistant. **I am not** a customer.



**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**

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

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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