

The verb to be

| Affirmative | | Negative | |
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| Full form | Short form | Full form | Short form |
| I am | I'm | I am not | I'm not |
| You are | You're | You are not | You aren't |
| He is | He's | He is not | He isn't |
| She is | She's | She is not | She isn't |
| It is | It's | It is not | It isn't |
| We are | We're | We are not | We aren't |
| You are | You're | You are not | You aren't |
| They are | They're | They are not | They aren't |

A. Write am, is or are.

- You _____ nice.
- It _____ a bird.
- He _____ a boy.
- I _____ a funny girl.
- They _____ my friends.
- She _____ young.
- We _____ happy.

B. Now write these sentences with short forms.

- (It is) _____ a flower. (It is not) _____ a tree.
- (We are) _____ students. (We are not) _____ teachers.
- (I am) _____ happy. (I am not) _____ sad.
- (She is) _____ short. (She is not) _____ tall.
- (They are) _____ at home. (They are not) _____ at school.
- (He is) _____ my brother. (He is not) _____ my friend.
- (You are) _____ pretty. (You are not) _____ ugly.



C. Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks with is, is not, are or are not.



John



Peter



Fred



Sally



Mike



Alan



Pat

1. John _____ a policeman. He _____ a ghost.
2. Peter and Alan _____ vampires. They _____ superheroes.
3. Sally _____ a witch. She _____ an angel.
4. Fred _____ a ghost and Mike _____ a cowboy.
5. Pat _____ a fairy. She _____ an angel.
6. They _____ using normal clothes. They _____ all using costumes.
7. It _____ Halloween.



| Interrogative | Short answers | |
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| | Affirmative | Negative |
| Am I ...? | Yes, I am. | No, I'm not. |
| Are you ...? | Yes, you are. | No, you aren't. |
| Is he ...? | Yes, he is. | No, he isn't. |
| Is she ...? | Yes, she is. | No, she isn't. |
| Is it ...? | Yes, it is. | No, it isn't. |
| Are we ...? | Yes, we are. | No, we aren't. |
| Are you ...? | Yes, you are. | No, you aren't. |
| Are they ...? | Yes, they are. | No, they aren't. |

D. Now build questions and answer them following the example.

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| 1. I / a dancer? | <u>Am I a dancer?</u> | Yes, <u>you are.</u> |
| 2. you / a dog? | _____ | No, _____ |
| 3. John / a good singer? | _____ | Yes, _____ |
| 4. Sue / tall? | _____ | No, _____ |
| 5. the CD / new? | _____ | Yes, _____ |
| 6. I / ugly? | _____ | No, _____ |
| 7. the school / big? | _____ | No, _____ |
| 8. Dave / short? | _____ | Yes, _____ |
| 9. we / friends? | _____ | Yes, _____ |
| 10. she / a teacher? | _____ | Yes, _____ |
| 11. the cats / young? | _____ | No, _____ |