


am/is/are

A



My name **is** Lisa.

I'm 22.

My favourite colour **is** blue.

I'm American. I'm from Chicago.

My favourite sports **are** football and swimming.

I'm a student.

I'm interested in art.

My father **is** a doctor and my mother **is** a journalist.

I'm **not** interested in politics.

LISA

B

positive

negative

I	am	(I'm)	I	am not	(I'm not)
he		(he's)	he		(he's not or he isn't)
she	is	(she's)	she	is not	(she's not or she isn't)
it		(it's)	it		(it's not or it isn't)
we		(we're)	we		(we're not or we aren't)
you	are	(you're)	you	are not	(you're not or you aren't)
they		(they're)	they		(they're not or they aren't)

short form
short forms

- ☐ I'm cold. Can you close the window, please?
- ☐ I'm 32 years old. My sister **is** 29.
- ☐ Steve **is** ill. He's in bed.
- ☐ My brother **is** scared of dogs.
- ☐ It's ten o'clock. You're late again.
- ☐ Ann and I **are** good friends.
- ☐ Your keys **are** on the table.
- ☐ I'm tired, but I'm **not** hungry.
- ☐ Lisa **isn't** interested in politics. She's interested in art.
- ☐ James **isn't** a teacher. He's a student.
- ☐ Those people **aren't** English. They're Australian.
- ☐ It's sunny today, but it **isn't** warm.



C

that's = that **is** there's = there **is** here's = here **is**

- ☐ Thank you. That's very kind of you.
- ☐ Look! There's Chris.
- ☐ 'Here's your key.' 'Thank you.'



Exercises

1.1 Write the short form (**she's** / **we aren't** etc.).

- 1 she is she's 3 it is not 5 I am not
 2 they are 4 that is 6 you are not

1.2 Write **am**, **is** or **are**.

- 1 The weather is nice today. 5 Look! There Helen.
 2 I not rich. 6 My brother and I good tennis players.
 3 This bag heavy. 7 Emily at home. Her children at school.
 4 These bags heavy. 8 I a taxi driver. My sister a nurse.

1.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Steve is ill. He's in bed.
 2 I'm not hungry, but thirsty.
 3 Mr Thomas is a very old man. 98.
 4 These chairs aren't beautiful, but comfortable.
 5 The weather is nice today. warm and sunny.
 6 '..... late.' 'No, I'm not. I'm early!'
 7 Catherine isn't at home. at work.
 8 '..... your coat.' 'Oh, thank you very much.'

1.4 Look at Lisa's sentences in 1A. Now write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (name?) My 5 (favourite colour or colours?)
 2 (age?) I My
 3 (from?) I 6 (interested in ... ?)
 4 (job?) I I

1.5 Write sentences for the pictures. Use:

angry **cold** **hot** **hungry** **scared** ~~**thirsty**~~



- 1 She's thirsty. 3 He 5
 2 They 4 6

1.6 Write true sentences, positive or negative. Use **is/isn't** or **are/aren't**.

- 1 (it / hot today) It isn't hot today. or It's hot today.
 2 (it / windy today) It
 3 (my hands / cold) My
 4 (Brazil / a very big country)
 5 (diamonds / cheap)
 6 (Toronto / in the US)

Write true sentences, positive or negative. Use **I'm** / **I'm not**.

- 7 (tired) I'm tired. or I'm not tired.
 8 (hungry) I
 9 (a good swimmer)
 10 (interested in football)

am/is/are (questions)

A

positive

question

I	am
he she it	is
we you they	are

am	I?
is	he? she? it?
are	we? you? they?



What's your name?

Are you married?

How old are you?

Are you a student?

David.

No, I'm not.

25.

Yes, I am.



- ☐ 'Am I late?' 'No, **you're** on time.'
- ☐ 'Is **your mother** at home?' 'No, **she's** out.'
- ☐ 'Are **your parents** at home?' 'No, **they're** out.'
- ☐ 'Is **it** cold in your room?' 'Yes, a little.'
- ☐ **Your shoes** are nice. **Are they** new?

We say:

- ☐ **Is she** at home? / **Is your mother** at home? (not Is at home your mother?)
- ☐ **Are they** new? / **Are your shoes** new? (not Are new your shoes?)

B

Where ... ? / What ... ? / Who ... ? / How ... ? / Why ... ?

- ☐ **Where is** your mother? Is she at home?
- ☐ 'Where **are** you from?' 'Canada.'
- ☐ 'What colour **is** your car?' 'It's red.'
- ☐ 'How old **is** Joe?' 'He's 24.'
- ☐ **How are** your parents? Are they well?
- ☐ These shoes are nice. **How much are** they?
- ☐ This hotel isn't very good. **Why is** it so expensive?

what's = what is who's = who is how's = how is where's = where is

- ☐ **What's** the time?
- ☐ **Who's** that man?
- ☐ **Where's** Lucy?
- ☐ **How's** your father?

C

Short answers

Yes,	I	am.
	he she it	is.
	we you they	are.

No,	I'm	not.
	he's she's it's	
	we're you're they're	

or

No,	he she it	isn't.
	we you they	aren't.

- ☐ 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I am.'
- ☐ 'Are you hungry?' 'No, I'm not, but I'm thirsty.'
- ☐ 'Is your friend English?' 'Yes, he is.'
- ☐ 'Are these **your keys**?' 'Yes, they are.'
- ☐ 'That's my seat.' 'No, it isn't.'



2.1 Find the right answers for the questions.

- 1 Where's the camera?
- 2 Is your car blue?
- 3 Is Kate from London?
- 4 Am I late?
- 5 Where's Amy from?
- 6 What colour is your bag?
- 7 Are you hungry?
- 8 How is George?
- 9 Who's that woman?

- A London.
- B No, I'm not.
- C Yes, you are.
- D My sister.
- E Black.
- F No, it's black.
- G In your bag.
- H No, she's American.
- I Very well.

- 1 G
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9

2.2 Make questions with these words.

- 1 (is / at home / your mother) Is your mother at home ?
- 2 (your parents / are / well) Are your parents well ?
- 3 (interesting / is / your job) ?
- 4 (the shops / are / open today) ?
- 5 (from / where / you / are) ?
- 6 (interested in sport / you / are) ?
- 7 (is / near here / the station) ?
- 8 (at school / are / your children) ?
- 9 (you / are / late / why) ?

2.3 Complete the questions. Use **What ... / Who ... / Where ... / How ...** .

- 1 How are your parents?
- 2 the bus stop?
- 3 your children?
- 4 these oranges?
- 5 your favourite sport?
- 6 the man in this photo?
- 7 your new shoes?

They're very well.
At the end of the street.
Five, six and ten.
£1.50 a kilo.
Skiing.
That's my father.
Black.

2.4 Write the questions.

- 1 (name?) What's your name?
- 2 (American?)
- 3 (how old?)
- 4 (a teacher?)
- 5 (married?)
- 6 (wife a lawyer?)
- 7 (from?)
- 8 (her name?)
- 9 (how old?)

Paul.
No, I'm Australian.
I'm 30.
No, I'm a lawyer.
Yes, I am.
No, she's a designer.
She's Italian.
Anna.
She's 27.

2.5 Write short answers (**Yes, I am.** / **No, he isn't.** etc.).

- 1 Are you married? No, I'm not.
- 2 Are you thirsty?
- 3 Is it cold today?
- 4 Are your hands cold?
- 5 Is it dark now?
- 6 Are you a teacher?