

The verb to be

Affirmative		Negative	
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	
	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, _____ |

