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### **Lesson Two**

# **Be - Present Tense Negative**

Subject + (be) + not



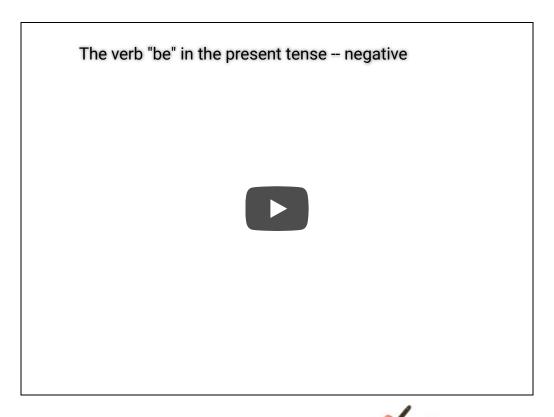
Singular Plural

l am not We are not

X

She **is not** 

It is not



Listen and write in your notebook.



I <u>am not</u> a student. I'm a teacher.



You <u>are not</u> a teacher. You are a student.



He **is not** outside. He's inside.



She **is not** angry. She's happy.



It <u>is not</u> a chair. It's an apple.



We <u>are not</u> students. We are a family.



You **are** not a family. You are students.



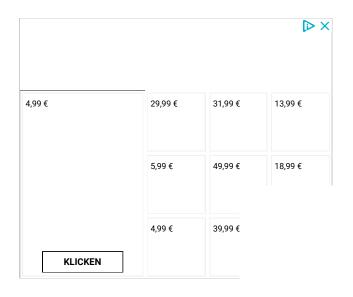
They <u>are not</u> students. They are workers.







contractions:



l am not We are not

**I'm not**We aren't

We're not

You are not You are not

You aren't You aren't

You're not You're not

He is not

He isn't

He's not

She **is not** They **are not** 

She isn't They aren't

She's not They're not

It **is not** 

It isn't

It's not

The nonstandard form of the verb "be" in English is ain't.

I don't recommend the use of "ain't,"

but you will bear it used among native speakers

Tain't We ain't

You ain't

He ain't

She ain't

They ain't

• He ain't here. (He isn't here.)

It ain't

- You ain't gettin' nothin. (You aren't getting anything.)
- This ain't gonna work. (This isn't going to work.)

<u>This video</u> explains how *ain't* is used.

The use of "ain't" is not good English; however, many Americans use it, especially young people.

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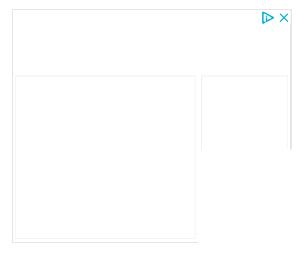
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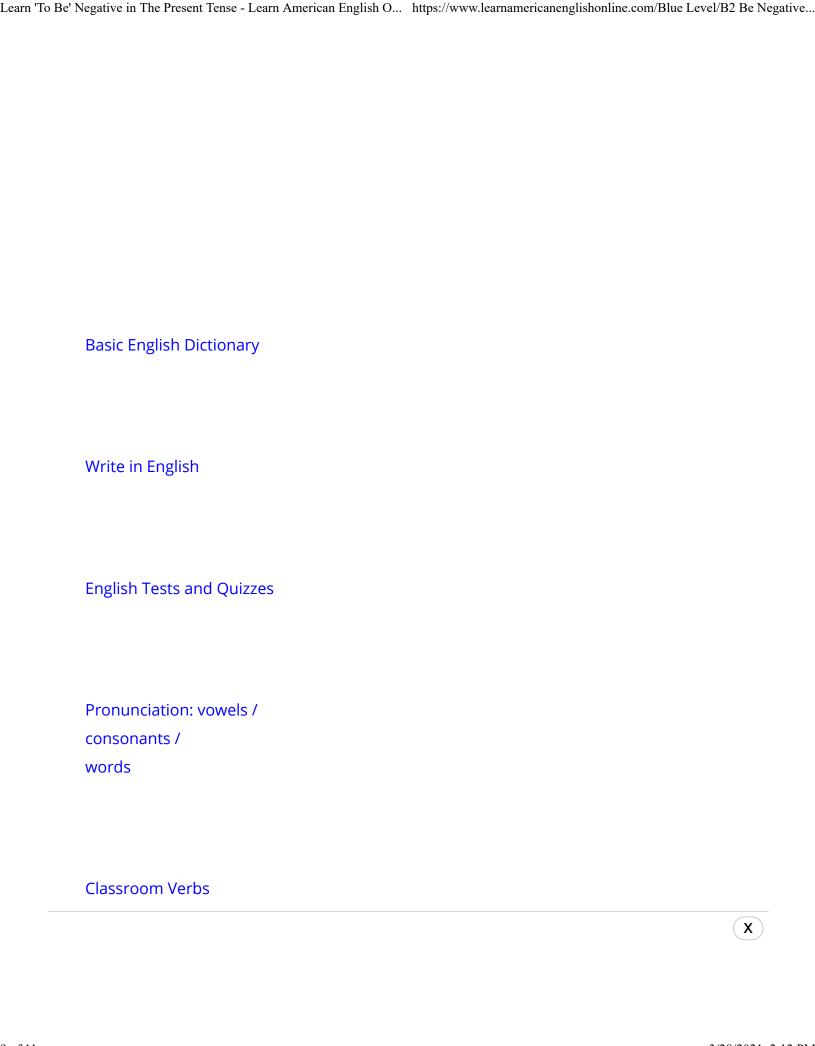
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