

Verb "Be" (Interrogative and Negative)

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Exercise 1 – Learning

Verb 'be' (Interrogative)

To form a yes-no question, first think of the sentence in the positive form, then switch the positions of the subject and verb.

Positive sentence: You are OK.

Yes-no question: *Are you* OK?

Verb 'be' (Negative)

In order to form a negative sentence, add the word 'not' after the verb 'be':

Affirmative sentence: *I am* OK.

Negative sentence: *I am not* OK.



The word 'not' is often contracted to 'n't':

You're **not** OK = You are**n't** OK.

He's **not** OK = He isn't OK.

We're **not** OK = We are**n't** OK.

They're **not** OK = They are**n't** OK.

Tip: "I am not OK." and "I'm not OK." are never contracted to "I amn't OK."



Exercise 2 – Ordering

Put the words into the correct order.

Example: I am child a? \rightarrow Am I a child?

Content:

- 1. you Are an English teacher?
- 2. No, not I am.
- 3. at Peter Is home?
- 4. No, he not is.
- 5. you Are a then doctor?
- 6. No, not I'm.
- 7. Are American they?
- 8. No, aren't they.



Exercise 3 – Sentence Construction

Use what you learned in class to create sentences with your tutor.

Example: age. \rightarrow I am 35./Am I 40?/I am not 40.

Content:

- 1. name.
- 2. job.
- 3. nationality.
- 4. city.
- 5. feeling (good/bad).
- 6. size (tall/short).