



Simple present: Be

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1. Use **be** to give and ask for information, name.

I**m** Tom.

The story **isn't** true.

Is he in England?

2. Use be with ages.

Two boys **are** 15 years old.

3. Use be and a/an with jobs.

She's **a** teacher.

4. Use be to describe the weather.

It's cold.

5. Use be to talk about time and place.

It's six o'clock.

Edward **is** in London.

6. There is a full form and a short form.

I **am** → I**m**.

In conversation, the short form is more common.

They**re** not my clothes.

In writing, the short form is used mainly with pronouns, not nouns

The old King **is** not well, he's sick.

7. Use be to talk about physical description, state of being, quality, marital status and nationality.

He **is** tall.

She **is** happy. It is big.

You **are** married.

They **are** Canadian.

We **are** from Spain.

Statement ✓	Negative ✕
I am ('m)	I am not ('m not)
You/We/They are ('re)	You/We/They are not (aren't/'re not)
He/She/It is ('s)	He/She/It is not (isn't / 's not)

Question	Short answer ✓✕
Am I ...?	Yes, I am. No, I am not ('m not)
Are you/we/they ...?	Yes, (they) are. No, (they) are not ('re not/aren't)
Is he/she/it ...?	Yes, (he) are. No, (he) is not ('s not/isn't)