**Verb to be**

**USE**

The verb be is a link verb. It is used:

* with a noun phrase:

My mother is a teacher.

Bill Clinton was the president of the US.

* with an adjective:

This soup is very tasty.

The children were good.

* with a prepositional phrase:

John and his wife are from Manchester.

The flowers are on the table.

**To be Affirmative**

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| **Subject** | **To Be** | **Examples** |
| I | am | I **am** from New Zealand. |
| You | are | You **are** Chilean. |
| He | is | He **is** twenty years old. |
| She | is | She **is** a nurse. |
| It | is | It **is** a big dog. |
| We | are | We **are** intelligent. |
| You | are | You **are** students. |
| They | are | They **are** married. |

**To be Contractions**

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| **To Be** | **Contraction** | **Examples** |
| I am | I'm | **I'm** from New Zealand. |
| You are | You're | **You're** Chilean. |
| He is | He's | **He's** twenty years old. |
| She is | She's | **She's** a nurse. |
| It is | It's | **It's** a big dog. |
| We are | We're | **We're** intelligent. |
| You are | You're | **You're** students. |
| They are | They're | **They're** married. |

**To be negative**

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| **Subject** | **To Be** | **Examples** |
| I | am not | I **am not** from Spain. |
| You | are not | You **are not** Australian. |
| He | is not | He **is not** thirty years old. |
| She | is not | She **is not** a secretary. |
| It | is not | It **is not** a small cat. |
| We | are not | We **are not** stupid. |
| You | are not | You **are not** teachers. |
| They | are not | They **are not** single. |

**To be negative contractions**

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| **I'm not** from Spain. | --- | --------------\* |
| **You're not** Australian. | OR | **You aren't** Australian. |
| **He's not** thirty years old. | OR | **He isn't** thirty years old. |
| **She's not** a secretary. | OR | **She isn't** a secretary. |
| **It's not** a small cat. | OR | **It isn't** a small cat. |
| **We're not** stupid. | OR | **We aren't** stupid. |
| **You're not** teachers. | OR | **You aren't** teachers. |
| **They're not** single. | OR | **They aren't** single. |

**To be Interrogative**

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| **Affirmative** | **Question** |
| I am intelligent. | **Am I** intelligent? |
| You are a student. | **Are you** a student? |
| He is a pilot. | **Is he** a pilot? |
| She is from Spain. | **Is she** from Spain? |
| It is a big house. | **Is it** a big house? |
| We are ready. | **Are we** ready? |
| You are doctors. | **Are you** doctors? |
| They are rich. | **Are they** rich? |

**Short answers**

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| **Question** | **Short Answers\*\*** | **Short Answers** |
| Am I intelligent? | Yes, you are. | No, you aren't. |
| Are you a student? | Yes, I am. | No, I am not. |
| Is he a pilot? | Yes, he is. | No, he isn't. |
| Is she from Spain? | Yes, she is. | No, she isn't. |
| Is it a big house? | Yes, it is. | No, it isn't. |
| Are we ready? | Yes, we are. | No, we aren't. |
| Are you doctors? | Yes, we are. | No, we aren't. |
| Are they rich? | Yes, they are. | No, they aren't. |