

Affirmative

LONG FORM

SHORT FORM

- *Singular*

I am

I'm

you are

you're

he/she/it is

he's/she's/it's

- *Plural*

we are

we're

you are

you're

they are

they're



Negative

LONG FORM

SHORT FORM

- *Singular*

I am not

I'm not

you are not

you aren't

he/she/it is not

he/she/it isn't

- *Plural*

we are not

we aren't

you are not

you aren't

they are not

they aren't



Questions and short answers



- Am I...? Yes, I am. / No, I am not.
- Are you...? Yes, you are. / No, you are not.
- Is he...? Yes, he is. / No, he is not.
- Is she...? Yes, she is. / No, she is not.
- Is it...? Yes, it is. / No, it is not.
- Are we...? Yes, we are. / No, we are not.
- Are you...? Yes, you are. / No, you are not.
- Are they...? Yes, they are. / No, they are not.



We use the verb to be:

1. To say who we are:

- *I'm Steve and this is my friend Bill.
We're from Scotland.*
- *I'm Janet and these are my sisters.
This is Sandra and this is Patricia.
Sandra and Patricia are doctors.*





2. To talk about the weather:

It's cold today.

It's a beautiful day.

It's usually hot here

It isn't very warm today.





3. To talk about the time:

It's ten o'clock.

It's half past four.

You're late!



4. To talk about places:

Milan is in the north of Italy.

John and Mary are in Yorkshire.



5. To talk about people's ages:

My sister is six years old.

