

# am/is/are

A

My name **is** Lisa. I'm 22. My favourite colour **is** blue. My favourite sports **are** football and swimming. I'm interested in art. I'm **not** interested in politics. I'm American. I'm from Chicago. I'm a student. My father **is** a doctor and my mother **is** a journalist.

LISA

B

positive

negative

I	<b>am</b>	(I'm)
he		(he's)
she	<b>is</b>	(she's)
it		(it's)
we		(we're)
you	<b>are</b>	(you're)
they		(they're)

short form

I	<b>am not</b>	(I'm not)
he		(he's not or he isn't)
she	<b>is not</b>	(she's not or she isn't)
it		(it's not or it isn't)
we		(we're not or we aren't)
you	<b>are not</b>	(you're not or you aren't)
they		(they're not or they aren't)

short forms

- I'm cold. Can you close the window, please?
- I'm 32 years old. My sister **is** 29.
- Steve **is** ill. He's in bed.
- My brother **is** scared of dogs.
- It's ten o'clock. You're late again.
- Ann and I **are** good friends.
- Your keys **are** on the table.
- I'm tired, but I'm **not** hungry.
- Lisa **isn't** interested in politics. She's interested in art.
- James **isn't** a teacher. He's a student.
- Those people **aren't** English. They're Australian.
- It's sunny today, but it **isn't** warm.



C

that's = that **is**    there's = there **is**    here's = here **is**

- Thank you. That's very kind of you.
- Look! There's Chris.
- 'Here's your key.' 'Thank you.'



# Exercises

## 1.1 Write the short form (**she's** / **we aren't** etc.).

- 1 she is she's                      3 it is not \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 they are \_\_\_\_\_                  4 that is \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 I am not \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 you are not \_\_\_\_\_

## 1.2 Write **am, is** or **are**.

- 1 The weather is nice today.      5 Look! There \_\_\_\_\_ Helen.  
 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ not rich.                  6 My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ good tennis players.  
 3 This bag \_\_\_\_\_ heavy.          7 Emily \_\_\_\_\_ at home. Her children \_\_\_\_\_ at school.  
 4 These bags \_\_\_\_\_ heavy.      8 I \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi driver. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a nurse.

## 1.3 Complete the sentences.

- 1 Steve is ill. He's in bed.  
 2 I'm not hungry, but \_\_\_\_\_ thirsty.  
 3 Mr Thomas is a very old man. \_\_\_\_\_ 98.  
 4 These chairs aren't beautiful, but \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable.  
 5 The weather is nice today. \_\_\_\_\_ warm and sunny.  
 6 '\_\_\_\_\_ late.' 'No, I'm not. I'm early!'  
 7 Catherine isn't at home. \_\_\_\_\_ at work.  
 8 '\_\_\_\_\_ your coat.' 'Oh, thank you very much.'

## 1.4 Look at Lisa's sentences in 1A. Now write sentences about yourself.

- 1 (name?) My \_\_\_\_\_                      5 (favourite colour or colours?)  
 2 (age?) I \_\_\_\_\_                          My \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 (from?) I \_\_\_\_\_                          6 (interested in ... ?)  
 4 (job?) I \_\_\_\_\_                          I \_\_\_\_\_

## 1.5 Write sentences for the pictures. Use:

**angry**   **cold**   **hot**   **hungry**   **scared**   ~~**thirsty**~~



- 1 She's thirsty.                              3 He \_\_\_\_\_                              5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 They \_\_\_\_\_                              4 \_\_\_\_\_                              6 \_\_\_\_\_

## 1.6 Write true sentences, positive or negative. Use **is/isn't** or **are/aren't**.

- 1 (it / hot today)                              It isn't hot today.   or   It's hot today.  
 2 (it / windy today)                              It \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 (my hands / cold)                              My \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 (Brazil / a very big country) \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 (diamonds / cheap) \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 (Toronto / in the US) \_\_\_\_\_

## Write true sentences, positive or negative. Use **I'm** / **I'm not**.

- 7 (tired)    I'm tired.   or   I'm not tired.  
 8 (hungry)    I \_\_\_\_\_  
 9 (a good swimmer) \_\_\_\_\_  
 10 (interested in football) \_\_\_\_\_

# am/is/are (questions)

A

positive

question

I	<b>am</b>
he she it	<b>is</b>
we you they	<b>are</b>

<b>am</b>	I?
<b>is</b>	he? she? it?
<b>are</b>	we? you? they?



- What's your name?
- Are you married?
- How old are you?
- Are you a student?



- 'Am I late?' 'No, **you're** on time.'
- 'Is your mother at home?' 'No, **she's** out.'
- 'Are your parents at home?' 'No, **they're** out.'
- 'Is it cold in your room?' 'Yes, a little.'
- Your shoes are** nice. **Are they** new?

We say:

- Is she** at home? / **Is your mother** at home? (*not* Is at home your mother?)
- Are they** new? / **Are your shoes** new? (*not* Are new your shoes?)

B

Where ... ? / What ... ? / Who ... ? / How ... ? / Why ... ?

- Where is** your mother? Is she at home?
- '**Where are** you from?' 'Canada.'
- '**What colour is** your car?' 'It's red.'
- '**How old is** Joe?' 'He's 24.'
- How are** your parents? Are they well?
- These shoes are nice. **How much are** they?
- This hotel isn't very good. **Why is** it so expensive?

what's = what **is**    who's = who **is**    how's = how **is**    where's = where **is**

- What's** the time?
- Where's** Lucy?
- Who's** that man?
- How's** your father?

C

Short answers

Yes,	I	<b>am.</b>
	he she it	<b>is.</b>
	we you they	<b>are.</b>

No,	I'm	<b>not.</b>
	he's she's it's	
	we're you're they're	

or

No,	he she it	<b>isn't.</b>
	we you they	<b>aren't.</b>



- 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I am.'
- 'Are you hungry?' 'No, I'm not, but I'm thirsty.'
- 'Is your friend English?' 'Yes, he is.'
- 'Are these your keys?' 'Yes, they are.'
- 'That's my seat.' 'No, it isn't.'

## 2.1 Find the right answers for the questions.

1 Where's the camera?	A London.	1 <u>G</u>
2 Is your car blue?	B No, I'm not.	2 .....
3 Is Kate from London?	C Yes, you are.	3 .....
4 Am I late?	D My sister.	4 .....
5 Where's Amy from?	E Black.	5 .....
6 What colour is your bag?	F No, it's black.	6 .....
7 Are you hungry?	G In your bag.	7 .....
8 How is George?	H No, she's American.	8 .....
9 Who's that woman?	I Very well.	9 .....

## 2.2 Make questions with these words.

- (is / at home / your mother) Is your mother at home .....
- (your parents / are / well) Are your parents well .....
- (interesting / is / your job) .....
- (the shops / are / open today) .....
- (from / where / you / are) .....
- (interested in sport / you / are) .....
- (is / near here / the station) .....
- (at school / are / your children) .....
- (you / are / late / why) .....

## 2.3 Complete the questions. Use **What ... / Who ... / Where ... / How ...**.

1	<u>How are</u> ... your parents?	They're very well.
2	..... the bus stop?	At the end of the street.
3	..... your children?	Five, six and ten.
4	..... these oranges?	£1.50 a kilo.
5	..... your favourite sport?	Skiing.
6	..... the man in this photo?	That's my father.
7	..... your new shoes?	Black.

## 2.4 Write the questions.

1 (name?) <u>What's your name?</u> .....	Paul.
2 (American?) .....	No, I'm Australian.
3 (how old?) .....	I'm 30.
4 (a teacher?) .....	No, I'm a lawyer.
5 (married?) .....	Yes, I am.
6 (wife a lawyer?) .....	No, she's a designer.
7 (from?) .....	She's Italian.
8 (her name?) .....	Anna.
9 (how old?) .....	She's 27.

## 2.5 Write short answers (**Yes, I am.** / **No, he isn't.** etc.).

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|--|------------------------------|
| 1 Are you married? <u>No, I'm not.</u> ..... | 4 Are your hands cold? ..... |
| 2 Are you thirsty? .....                     | 5 Is it dark now? .....      |
| 3 Is it cold today? .....                    | 6 Are you a teacher? .....   |