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GRAMMAR

Present simple of *be* *am, is, are*

Use the present simple of *be*:

- with age: Carlos **is** fifteen. I**'m** fourteen.
- with an adjective: You**'re** right. It**'s** easy.
- with *this* and *that*: This **is** my bike. That **is** Helen's house.
- with nationality: They **are** Turkish. We**'re** French.
- with jobs: Jim **is** a dentist. Tony and Jill **are** teachers.

Statements

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

Negative

<i>I am not</i>	<i>he is not</i>	<i>we are not</i>
<i>I'm not</i>	<i>he isn't</i>	<i>we aren't</i>
<i>you are not</i>	<i>she is not</i>	<i>they are not</i>
<i>you aren't</i>	<i>she isn't</i>	<i>they aren't</i>
	<i>it is not</i>	
	<i>it isn't</i>	

I**'m not** wrong. You **aren't** French. It **isn't** cold. We **aren't** late.

Yes/No Questions

<i>Am I ... ?</i>	<i>Is he ... ?</i>	<i>Are we ... ?</i>
<i>Are you ... ?</i>	<i>Is she ... ?</i>	<i>Are they ... ?</i>
	<i>Is it ... ?</i>	

Am I wrong? **Are you** French? **Is it** cold? **Are we** late?

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Grammar 30: Contractions

1 Complete each sentence with *am*, *is*, or *are*.

- 1 This~~is~~..... my family.
- 2 These my parents.
- 3 Lucy English.
- 4 We in the garden.
- 5 This her pen.
- 6 Maria and Anna students.
- 7 My dog happy.
- 8 I happy.

2 Change the sentences into negative sentences.

- 1 It's hot today. ~~It isn't hot today.~~
- 2 I'm at home.
- 3 My friends are here.
- 4 You're a teacher.
- 5 We're at the cinema.
- 6 This is difficult.
- 7 Sam is happy.

3 Change the statements into questions.

- 1 I'm late. ~~Am I late?~~
- 2 You're ill.
- 3 We're right.
- 4 He's fifteen.
- 5 It's cold.
- 6 The school is in this street.
- 7 My books are in your bag.

4 Choose the most suitable answer (a–e) to each question (1–5).

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| 1 What's your name? | a) No, I'm Brazilian. |
| 2 Are you Portuguese? | b) I'm fifteen. |
| 3 Are you at school? | c) My name is Carlos. |
| 4 How old are you? | d) No, it's easy. |
| 5 Is English difficult? | e) Yes, I'm a student. |