

English for Communication

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Unit 1 People

Vocabulary

First name

Surname

Age

Job/Occupation

Country

Marital status

Relationship

Explorer

Single

Wife

Husband

Grammar *be(am/is/are)*

positive

I am (I'm)

He } (he's)

She } is (she's)

It } (it's)

we } (we're)

You } are (you're)

They } (they're)

negative

I am not (I'm not)

He	}	is not	he isn't
She			she isn't
It			it isn't

We	}	are not	we aren't
You			you aren't
They			they aren't

Use

We use short forms (*I'm, He's, They aren't*) in everyday English (speaking and informal writing). We use full forms (*I am, He is, They are not*) in formal writing.

We can also use the negative contracted forms's not and 're not.

I am (I'm) 40 years old. My sister is 37.

I'm tired but I'm not hungry.

He isn't (He's not) a student.

Mary isn't (Mary's not) at home at the moment.
She's at work.

It's sunny today but it isn't warm.

We use full forms in questions and in affirmative
Short answers.

A: **Is** he from the Netherlands?

B: Yes, he **is**. (not **Yes, he's**.)

Exercises

Write the short form (She's/We aren't etc.).

1. She is
2. They are.....
3. It is not.....
4. That is.....
5. I am not.....

Practice

1. Complete the conversations with the correct form of the verb *be*.

1 A : Are **..you..** Amilie?

B : No, I..... .My name.....Karine.

2. A:you German?

B: Yes, we..... .Iform Berlin and
Max from Bonn.

3 A :Jaime from Bolivia?

B : Yes, he

4 A : How old Lazlo?

B : He.....eighteen.

5 A:you students?

B: Yes, we

6 A :Petra married?

B : No, she She Single.

7 A : What..... your job?

B : I a scientist.

8 A : Ranulph Fiennes an American
explorer.

B : No, he He..... British.

Grammar

1 Put the words in order to make questions.

1 your / name? / 's / what

2 from / are / England? / you

3 are / you / where / from?

4 married? / you / are / single or

5 you / are / anexplorer?

Possessive

Possessive 's is used to show possession (owning, or having).

We add 's to a person to talk about relatives and possessions.

EX. Simon's brother is a teacher.

Laura and Ben's parents....

Practice

Add 's to the correct word in the sentences about the explorer, Ranulph Fienners.

1. Ranulph's surname is Fiennes.
2. His second wife name is Louise.
3. Louise son is Alexander.
4. Alexander is Ranulph stepson.

5. Ranulph daughter is Elizabeth.

6. The actors Joseph and Ralph are Ranulph distant cousins.

Add 's to the end of a plural noun that does not end with an s.

→ children + 's

Ex. *We saw the children's snowman.*

Add only the **apostrophe (')** to the end of a plural noun that ends with an s.

→ sisters + '

EX. My sisters' names are Kate and Nikki.

- Optional: If the noun is singular and ends with an s, add 's or add only the **apostrophe (')**.

The **bus's** engine stopped.

The **bus'** engine stopped.

- Note: Most sources recommend the shorter version if the ending "iz" sound is not wanted.

Possessive Adjectives

Form and use

We also use possessive adjectives (my, your, their, etc.) to talk about relatives and possessions.

Possessive Adjectives

Subject pronoun	Possessive adjective	
I	my	My wife is Slovakian.
you	your	What's your address?
he	his	His name is Didier
she	her	What's her surname?
it	its	France is famous for its cheese.
we	our	Our daughter's a teacher.
you	your	Where is your farm?
they	their	Their parents are Chilean.

Possessive adjectives have got one form for singular and plural.

Pratice

Complete the sentences with a possessive adjective.

1name's Tatiana. She's from Moscow.

2 He's a scientist and wife is a photographer.

3 You're in room 6 andteacher is Stewart.

4. We're Australian, but....parents are British.

5 I'm Megan and this ishusband, Jamie.

6. My parents are Spanish.names are Clara.