

15 Negatives with “to be”

You make a sentence negative by using “not” or its short form “n’t.” Negative sentences with the verb “to be” have different rules than negatives with other verbs.

 **New language** Negatives with “to be”

 **Aa Vocabulary** “Not”

 **New skill** Saying what things are not

15.1 KEY LANGUAGE NEGATIVES WITH THE VERB “TO BE”

Add “not” after “to be” to make the sentence negative.

I am a farmer. I am **not a doctor.**

“Not” is added to make the sentence negative.



15.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES NEGATIVES WITH THE VERB “TO BE”



He is **not an adult.**



It is **not 5 o'clock.**



They are **not engineers.**



This is **not a pig.**



We are **not actors.**



That is **not my bag.**



15.3 HOW TO FORM NEGATIVES WITH THE VERB “TO BE”

The verb “to be” takes the same form in positive and negative sentences. The only difference is adding “not.”

SUBJECT + VERB

I am
She is
We are

“NOT”

not

REST OF SENTENCE

a doctor.

doctors.

A plural subject is usually followed by a plural noun.



15.4 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, PUTTING THE WORDS IN THE CORRECT ORDER

gardener. Jack not is a

Jack is not a gardener.

1 sister. my She not is

2 her not car. is That

3 years I old. not am 35

4 are not Spanish. We

5 vet. Chad a not is



15.5 FILL IN THE GAPS TO MAKE NEGATIVE SENTENCES

It is not 11 o'clock.

1 He is not in the office.

2 She is not a businesswoman.

3 I am not 18 years old.

4 This is not a snake.

5 We are not artists.

6 You are not at work.

7 Dexter is not a cat.



15.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO, THEN NUMBER THE IMAGES IN THE ORDER THEY ARE DESCRIBED



15.7 KEY LANGUAGE NEGATIVE SHORT FORMS

You can contract "you are not" in two ways. You can contract the subject and verb, or you can contract the verb and "not."

"You are" contracts to "you're."

You are not a doctor.

You're not } a doctor.
You aren't }

"Are not" contracts to "aren't."



15.8 FURTHER EXAMPLES NEGATIVE SHORT FORMS

I am not a teacher.

I'm not a teacher.

You cannot say "I amn't."

He is not a farmer.

He's not } a farmer.
He isn't }

She is not American.

She's not } American.
She isn't }

It is not a pencil.

It's not } a pencil.
It isn't }

We are not waiters.

We're not } waiters.
We aren't }

They are not British.

They're not } British.
They aren't }



15.9 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Louis aren't Hayley's uncle.

Louis isn't Hayley's uncle.

1 It am not 10 o'clock in the morning.

2 You isn't 35 years old.

3 I aren't Australian.

4 My brother aren't married.

5 Tom and Angela isn't construction workers.





15.10 READ THE BLOG AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Françoise is 33 years old.

True False

1 She isn't from the USA.

True False

2 She speaks French.

True False

3 She is French.

True False

4 Her husband speaks English.

True False

5 Her husband is British.

True False

6 They live in the USA.

True False

7 Her husband isn't a student.

True False



15.11 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 12 CORRECT SENTENCES AND SAY THEM OUT LOUD

*I am not
at work.*

I
You
He
They

Start with
a pronoun.

am not
aren't
isn't

Choose a
negative form.

at work.
tired.
24 years old.

Finish with a
noun or phrase.

15 CHECKLIST

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Aa "Not"

Saying what things are not