

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.”



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 _____ in the office.

2 She _____ a businesswoman.

3 I _____ 18 years old.

4 This _____ a snake.

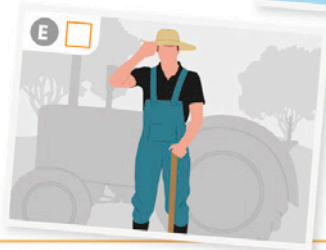
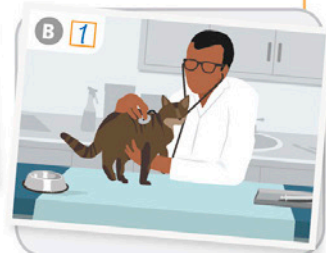
5 We _____ artists.

6 You _____ at work.

7 Dexter _____ 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
You aren't } a doctor.

"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
He isn't } a farmer.

She is not American.



She's not
She isn't } American.

It is not a pencil.



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

We are not waiters.



We're not
We aren't } waiters.

They are not British.



They're not
They aren't } British.



15.9 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Louis **aren't** Hayley's uncle.

Louis isn't Hayley's uncle.

3 I **aren't** Australian.

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

4 My brother **aren't** married.

2 You **isn't** 35 years old.

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.

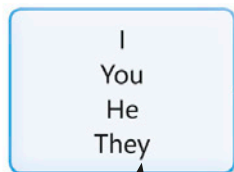
True ☐ False ☐

7 Her husband isn't a student.

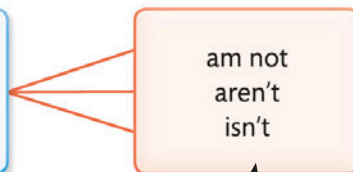
True ☐ False ☐



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



Start with a pronoun.



Choose a negative form.



Finish with a noun or phrase.



15 CHECKLIST



Negatives with "to be" ☐

Aa "Not" ☐



Saying what things are not ☐