



# 01 Talking about yourself

When you want to tell someone about yourself, or about people and things that relate to you, use the present simple form of “to be.”

-  **New language** Using “to be”
- Aa Vocabulary** Names, jobs, and family
-  **New skill** Talking about yourself

## 1.1 KEY LANGUAGE “TO BE” STATEMENTS

Use the verb “to be” to talk about your name, age, nationality, and job.



Hi! **I am** Noah. **I’m** 25 years old. **I’m** Australian and **I’m** a doctor.

In conversational English, speakers often use contractions. These are shortened versions of pairs of words. “I am” can be shortened to “I’m.”



## 1.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES “TO BE” STATEMENTS

**Mia is** 72 years old.



**Jack’s aunt is** Canadian.



**Aban is** a police officer.



**They are** the Jackson family.



## 1.3 HOW TO FORM “TO BE” STATEMENTS

SUBJECT	“TO BE”	REST OF SENTENCE
I	am	Australian.
You	are	
He / She / It	is	
We / They	are	

“You” in English is the same in the singular and plural.

These are pronouns. They are the subjects of these sentences.

The verb changes with the subject.



## 1.4 CROSS OUT THE INCORRECT WORD IN EACH SENTENCE

They **are** / ~~is~~ builders.

1 You **are** / ~~is~~ 40 years old.

2 I **am** / ~~is~~ from New Zealand.

3 He **is** / ~~are~~ my cousin.

4 We **am** / ~~are~~ British.

5 They **is** / ~~are~~ mechanics.

6 She **is** / ~~are~~ my sister.

7 We **is** / ~~are~~ scientists.

8 She **is** / ~~are~~ 21 years old.



## 1.5 FILL IN THE GAPS WITH "AM," "IS," OR "ARE"



I am an actor.



1 You \_\_\_\_\_ British.



2 He \_\_\_\_\_ a farmer.



3 They \_\_\_\_\_ 13 years old.



4 We \_\_\_\_\_ French.



5 I \_\_\_\_\_ an engineer.



## 1.6 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

Charlie is an engineer.

True ☐ False ☒

1 Altan is American.

True ☐ False ☐

2 Latifa is an actor.

True ☐ False ☐

3 Ollie is 36 years old.

True ☐ False ☐

4 Kathleen is a chef.

True ☐ False ☐

5 Sammi is 46 years old.

True ☐ False ☐



## 1.7 USE THE CHART TO CREATE 10 CORRECT SENTENCES, THEN SAY THEM OUT LOUD

I am Jack.



I  
He  
They

Choose a  
subject.

am  
is  
are

Choose a  
verb form.

Jack.  
40 years old.  
Canadian.  
an engineer.

Finish with a name, age,  
nationality, or job.



## 1.8 KEY LANGUAGE NEGATIVE "TO BE" STATEMENTS

To make a negative statement, add "not" after the verb.



**I am not a nurse. I am a scientist.**



## 1.9 FURTHER EXAMPLES NEGATIVE "TO BE" STATEMENTS

"Are not" is often contracted to "aren't."

**They aren't** Canadian.



**I'm not** happy today.



"Is not" is often contracted to "isn't."

**He isn't** at work this morning.



**Lucy is not** my friend.



### 1.10 FILL IN THE GAPS TO MAKE NEGATIVE SENTENCES

It is not 11 o'clock.

① He \_\_\_\_\_ playing tennis.

② She \_\_\_\_\_ a waitress.

③ He \_\_\_\_\_ 30 years old.

④ We \_\_\_\_\_ teachers.

⑤ I \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

⑥ Lyla \_\_\_\_\_ a cat.



### 1.11 WRITE EACH SENTENCE IN ITS NEGATIVE FORM

I **am** an engineer.

I am not an engineer.

① Kaleh **is** their mother.

② There **is** a bank on this street.

③ That **is** his laptop.

④ They **are** her grandparents.

⑤ Alyssa and Logan **are** your friends.



