



am

is

are

Verb to Be

Sapphire Challenge Affirmative and negative

Name: _____ Class: _____

Grammar summary

Affirmative	Negative
I am → I'm	I am not → I'm not
You are → You're (one person)	You are not → You aren't
He is → He's	He is not → He isn't
She is → She's	She is not → She isn't
It is → It's	It is not → It isn't
We are → We're	We are not → We aren't
You are → You're (a group)	You are not → You aren't
They are → They're	They are not → They aren't

Also correct: he's not, she's not, it's not; you're not, we're not, they're not.

01 Complete the profile

Complete with the correct form of be.

1. My name _____ Maya, and I _____ thirteen.
2. My brother and I _____ from Leeds.
3. Our parents _____ teachers.
4. Our school _____ near our house.
5. I _____ good at art.
6. You _____ in my class.

02 Rewrite the sentences

Use the form in brackets.

Example: *She's happy. (long form) → She is happy.*

1. I'm not late. (long form) _____
2. It is not cold. (two short forms) _____
3. They're ready. (long form) _____
4. You are not hungry. (two short forms) _____

03 Fix the errors

Find and correct one mistake in each sentence.

Example: *He are late. → He is late.*

1. I have thirteen years. _____
2. It are cold today. _____
3. Yes, she's. (answer to Is Mia ready?) _____
4. Are your brother at home? _____



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Sapphire Challenge Questions and short answers

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Question	Yes	No
Am I ...?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Are you ...? (one person)	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Is he ...?	Yes, he is.	No, he isn't.
Is she ...?	Yes, she is.	No, she isn't.
Is it ...?	Yes, it is.	No, it isn't.
Are we ...?	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
Are you ...? (a group)	Yes, we are.	No, we aren't.
Are they ...?	Yes, they are.	No, they aren't.

Positive short answers use the full verb: Yes, I am. Yes, she is.

WH questions

Who is she? What is it? Where are you from?

When is the lesson? Why are you late? How old are they?

04 Write the right question

Use the word in brackets to ask about each sentence.

Example: *She is from Italy. (Where) → Where is she from?*

1. Her name is Ella. (What) _____
2. The lesson is at nine. (When) _____
3. My friends are at school. (Where) _____
4. He is fifteen. (How old) _____

05 Use the information

Read the statement. Write a short answer.

1. Ben is tired. Is Ben tired? _____
2. My friends are at school. Are they at home? _____
3. You aren't late. Are you late? _____
4. We are classmates. Are we classmates? _____

06 Write about yourself

Use your own ideas.

Write two true sentences with am or are.

Write one negative sentence about yourself.

Write a question with What, Where or How old.