

1 The verbs *am*, *are* and *is* are followed by:

A noun group: Mr. Brown is a teacher. It isn't my book. Are you a student?

An adjective: She's tall. I'm tired. Are you happy? They're hungry.

An expression of place or time: Mary's at home. It's six o'clock. It's on the table.

An expression of age: I'm sixteen. She's fourteen years old.

2 The forms of the verb are as follows:

Affirmatives		
Statements		Questions
Full form	Short form	
I am late.	I'm late.	Am I late?
You are next.	You're next.	Are you next?
My mother is here.	My mother's here.	Is your mother here?
She is at home.	She's at home.	Is she at home?
My brother is out.	My brother's out.	Is your brother out?
He is fifteen.	He's fifteen.	Is your brother fifteen?
It is on the table.	It's on the table.	Is it on the table?
We are right.	We're right.	Are we right?
They are my parents.	They're my parents.	Are they your parents?

Negatives			
Statements			Questions
Full form	Short form (1)	Short form (2)	
I am not late.	I'm not late.		Aren't I late?
You are not next.	You're not next.	You aren't next.	Aren't you next?
She is not in.	She's not in.	She isn't in.	Isn't she in?
He is not at home	He's not at home.	He isn't at home.	Isn't he at home?
It is not here.	It's not here.	It isn't here.	Isn't it here?
We are not happy.	We're not happy.	We aren't happy.	Aren't we happy?
They are not ready.	They're not ready.	They aren't ready.	Aren't they ready?

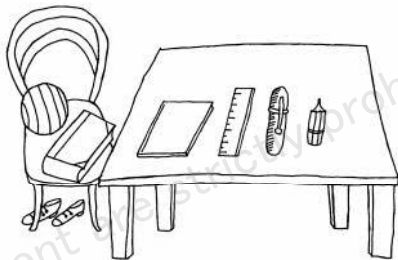
Practice

A Write answers to these questions. Use full sentences for your answers. Use short forms.

- How old are you?
- Are you a teacher?
- Where are you now?
- Is it morning, afternoon or evening?
- What's the weather like - is it warm or cold?
- What day is it?

B Put a tick (✓) beside these sentences if they are true. Put a cross (X) if they are not true:

- The exercise book is on the table.
- The ball is on the chair.
- The big book is on the table.
- The shoes aren't under the table.
- The pen and pencil aren't on the chair.
- The shoes are under the chair.
- The ball and the book are on the chair.
- The pen and pencil aren't on the table.



C Correct these sentences:

- The big book is on the table.
- The shoes are on the chair.
- The exercise book is on the chair.
- The ruler and the pen are on the chair.
- The pencil's next to the ruler.
- The ball and the book are on the floor.

The big book isn't on the table. It's on the chair.

D Correct these sentences about yourself:

- My name is Kim.
- I'm three years old.
- I'm from Scotland.
- I'm a pop singer.
- I'm English.

My name isn't Kim, it's

Now write the same things about a friend of yours:

6 His/Her name isn't Kim, it's

7 _____

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9 _____

10 _____