

# I am, I don't, etc.

A



She isn't tired, but **he is**.  
(**he is** = he is tired)

He likes tea, but **she doesn't**.  
(**she doesn't** = she doesn't like tea)

In these examples, it is not necessary to repeat some words ("he is *tired*," "she doesn't *like tea*").

You can use these verbs in the same way:

**am/is/are**  
**was/were**  
**have/has**  
**do/does/did**  
**can**  
**will**  
**might**  
**should**

- I haven't seen the movie, but my sister **has**. (= my sister has seen the movie)
- A: Please help me.  
B: I'm sorry. I **can't**. (= I can't help you)
- A: Are you tired?  
B: I **was**, but I'm **not** now. (= I was tired, but I'm not tired now)
- A: Do you think Jane will call tonight?  
B: She **might**. (= she might call)
- A: Are you going to study tonight?  
B: I **should**, but I probably **won't**. (= I should study, but I probably won't study)

You *cannot* use 'm/'s/'ve, etc. (*short forms*), in this way. You must use **am/is/have**, etc.:

- She isn't tired, but he **is**. (*not* . . . but he's)

But you *can* use **isn't** / **haven't** / **won't**, etc. (*negative short forms*):

- My sister has seen the movie, but I **haven't**.
- "Are you and Jane working tomorrow?" "I am, but Jane **isn't**."

B

You can use **I am** / **I'm not**, etc., after **Yes** and **No**:

- "Are you tired?" "Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**."
- "Will Bill be here tomorrow?" "Yes, he **will**. / No, he **won't**."
- "Is there a bus to the airport?" "Yes, there **is**. / No, there **isn't**."

C

We use **do/does** for the *simple present* (see Units 6–7):

- I don't like hot weather, but Sue **does**. (= Sue likes hot weather)
- Sue works hard, but I **don't**. (= I don't work hard)
- "Do you enjoy your work?" "Yes, I **do**."

We use **did** for the *simple past* (see Unit 12):

- A: Did you and Chris like the movie?
- B: I **did**, but Chris **didn't**. (= I liked it, but Chris didn't like it)
- "I had a good time." "I **did**, too." (= I had a good time, too)
- "Did it rain yesterday?" "No, it **didn't**."

### 41.1 Complete these sentences. Use only one verb (is/have/can, etc.) each time.

- Kate wasn't hungry, but we were .
- I'm not married, but my brother \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Bill can't help you, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I haven't read the book, but Tom \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Karen won't be here, but Chris \_\_\_\_\_ .
- You weren't late, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 41.2 Complete these sentences with a negative verb (isn't/haven't/can't, etc.).

- My sister can play the piano, but I can't .
- Sam is working today, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I was working, but my friends \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Mark has been to China, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I'm ready to go, but Tom \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I've seen the movie, but Kim \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 41.3 Complete these sentences with do/does/did or don't/doesn't/didn't.

- I don't like hot weather, but Sue does .
- Sue likes hot weather, but I don't .
- My mother wears glasses, but my father \_\_\_\_\_ .
- You don't know Paul very well, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I didn't enjoy the party, but my friends \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I don't watch TV much, but Peter \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Kate lives in Canada, but her parents \_\_\_\_\_ .
- You had breakfast this morning, but I \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 41.4 Complete the sentences. Write about yourself and other people.

- I didn't go out last night, but my friends did.
- I like \_\_\_\_\_ , but \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I don't \_\_\_\_\_ , but \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I haven't \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 41.5 Put in a verb, positive or negative.

- "Are you tired?" "I was earlier, but I'm not now."
- Steve is happy today, but he \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- The stores aren't open yet, but the post office \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I don't have a telescope, but I know somebody who \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I would like to help you, but I'm sorry I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I don't usually drive to work, but I \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday.
- A: Have you ever been to Costa Rica?  
B: No, but Sandra \_\_\_\_\_ . She went there on vacation last year.
- "Do you and Luke watch TV a lot?" "I \_\_\_\_\_ , but Luke doesn't."
- I've been invited to Sam's wedding, but Kate \_\_\_\_\_ .
- "Do you think Sarah will pass her driving test?" "Yes, I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_ ."
- "Are you going out tonight?" "I \_\_\_\_\_ . I don't know for sure."

### 41.6 Answer these questions about yourself. Use Yes, I have. / No, I'm not., etc.

- Are you Brazilian? No, I'm not.
- Do you have a car? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you feel OK? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is it snowing? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you hungry? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you like classical music? \_\_\_\_\_
- Will you be in Boston tomorrow? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever broken your arm? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you buy anything yesterday? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were you asleep at 3:00 a.m.? \_\_\_\_\_