

'Be' Verbs

Hello again, in this lesson we will be looking at verbs and in particular 'be' verbs.

We will see what a verb is and how we can use them in a variety of different sentences

Firstly what is a Verb?

A verb shows an action or a state of being.

Here are some examples:



Run



Sleep



Smell



Feel



Play



Watch

Let's use these in a sentence:

I **run** to school.

I **sleep** at night.

I **smell** flowers.

I **feel** good.

I **play** football.

I **watch** television.

These are all the actions within the sentence.

"Be" verbs however, indicate a state of being.

So what the subject/s action about themselves is. The verbs must also match the subject or subjects.

The subjects can be split into different groups:

I



You



He



She



It



We



They

Then the 'be' verbs follow the subject in the sentence:

I am

You are

He is

She is

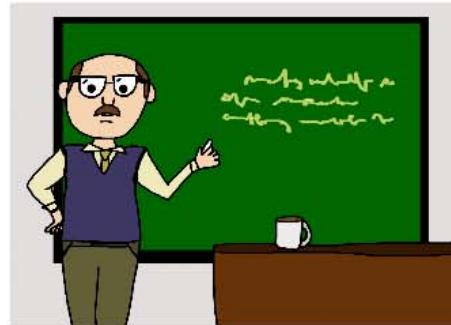
It is

We are

They are

As a recap, the **'be'** verbs are:
Am, are and is

Examples:



I am a teacher.



He is sleepy.



We are happy.

Negative sentences:

When a sentence becomes negative it includes the word 'not'.

This changes the meaning of the sentence and negative sentences need 'not' after the verb.



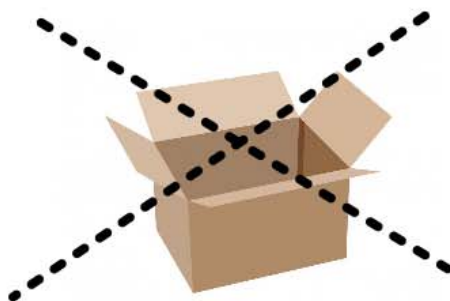
You are not



He is not



She is not



It is not

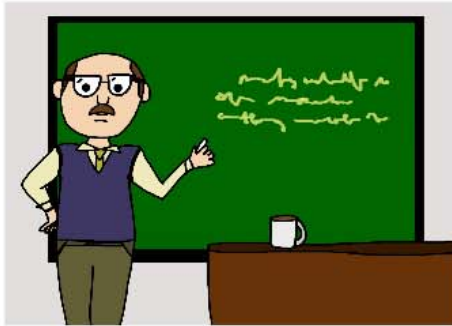


We are not



They are not

Examples:



I am **not** a doctor.



He is **not** sleepy.



We are **not** happy.

Interrogative sentences:

Interrogative sentences are questions involving subjects, so people or things.
In these sentences the verb comes first.



Am I

Are you?



Is he?



Is she?



Is it?

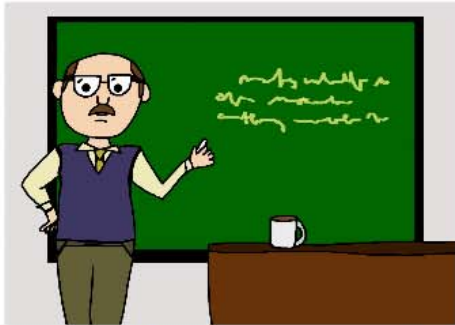


Are we?



Are they?

Examples:



Am I a doctor?



Is he sleepy?



Are we happy?

Let's join the words:

Some words can be joined together to form just one word. This is called abbreviation and we use an apostrophe to show this (')

"Are not" can be shortened to **"aren't"**.

"is not" can be shortened to **"isn't"**.



He isn't hungry.



We aren't happy.

Table of 'be' verbs:

Lucky for you there is a simple table to show the 'be' verbs in use:

Present	Negative	Interrogative
I am	I am not	Am I?
You are	You are not/ aren't	Are you?
He is	He is not/ isn't	Is he?
She is	She is not/ isn't	Is she?
It is	It is not / isn't	Isn't it?
We are	We are not/ aren't	Are we?
You are	You are not/ aren't	Are you?
They are	They are not/ aren't	Are they?