Affirmative

LONG FORM

SHORT FORM

Singular

I am

I'm

you are

you're

he/she/it is he's/she's/it's

Plural

we are

we're

you are

you're

they are

they're



Negative

LONG FORM

SHORT FORM

· Singular I am not

I'm not

you are not you aren't

he/she/it is not he/she/it isn't

Plural

we are not we aren't

you are not you aren't

they are not they aren't



Questions and short answers

- · Am I...?
- Are you...?
- Is he...?
- Is she...?
- Is it...?
- · Are we...?
- Are you...?
- Are they...?

- Yes, I am. / No, I am not.
- Yes, you are. / No, you are not.
- Yes, he is. / No, he is not.
- Yes, she is. / No, she is not.
- Yes, it is. / No, it is not.
- Yes, we are. / No, we are not.
- Yes, you are. / No, you are not.
- Yes, they are. / No, they are not.



We use the verb to be:

1. To say who we are:

- I'm Steve and this is my friend Bill.
 We're from Scotland.
- I'm Janet and these are my sisters.
 This is Sandra and this is Patricia.
 Sandra and Patricia are doctors.



2. To talk about the weather:

It's cold today. It's a beautiful day. It's usually hot here

It isn't very warm today.



3. To talk about the time:

It's ten o'clock.
It's half past four.
You're late!



4. To talk about places:

Milan is in the north of Italy. John and Mary are in Yorkshire.



5. To talk about people's ages:

My sister is six years old.

