



Grammar reference

Starter Unit

Subject pronouns and **be**: affirmative, negative and questions

subject pronoun	+		–	
	full form	contraction	full form	contraction
I	I am	I'm	I am not	I'm not
You	You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
He	He is	He's	He is not	He isn't
She	She is	She's	She is not	She isn't
It	It is	It's	It is not	It isn't
We	We are	We're	We are not	We aren't
You	You are	You're	You are not	You aren't
They	They are	They're	They are not	They aren't

- Use the present simple of **be** to identify people and give locations and dates.
He's my uncle.
They're in the house.
It's the 12th March.
- You can use subject pronouns instead of names to refer to people or things. You can use contractions to combine subject pronouns with the present simple of **be**.
Millie's my friend.
She's my friend.
- Change the word order to make questions; put **be** before the subject.

?	short answers	
	+	–
Am I at school?	Yes, I am.	No, I'm not.
Are you at school?	Yes, you are.	No, you aren't.
Is he/she/it at school?	Yes, he/she/it is.	No, he/she/it isn't.
Are we/you/they at school?	Yes, we/you/they are.	No, we/you/they aren't.

1 Complete the conversations with the correct subject pronouns and the present simple of the verb **be**. Use contractions where possible.

- A: Is Lara 18?
B: No, *she isn't*. *She's* 19.
- A: Are Tim and Ella students?
B: Yes, in my class.
- A: you in the basketball team?
B: No in the football team.
- A: I in Room C?
B: No, you're not. in Room D.

Possessive adjectives and possessive 's

singular	plural
my/your/his/her/its	our/your/their

- We use possessive adjectives to talk about possession.
This is my computer.
- We use *his* for boys and men and *her* for girls and women.
His name's Tom.
Her name's Amanda.
- We use the possessive adjective *its* for animals and things.
My dog is black but its feet are white.
- We use **apostrophe + s** to show possession.
- We put 's after a name or singular noun and s' after a plural noun.

2 Write the sentences two ways. Use possessive 's and possessive adjectives.

- Lydia / shoes are blue.
Lydia's shoes are blue. Her shoes are blue.
- The dog / ball is red.
- The teachers / names are Mr Lark and Mrs Moore.
- Andrew / parents are from Chile.