

**Yes/No Questions with *Be***

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## Yes/No Questions

with the verb "to be" begin with  
*am, is or are.*

In the short answers, we use yes  
or no, the subject pronoun and  
the verb.

*Are you a student?*

*Yes, I am.*

We add *not* if the answer is  
negative (no).

*No, I 'm not.*



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Yes/No Questions			Short Answers	
Be	Subject		Affirmative	Negative
Am	I	Yes, you are.	No, you're not/you aren't.	
Are	you	I am.	I'm not.	
Is	he she it	he is. she is. it is.	he's not/he isn't. she's not/she isn't. it's not/it isn't.	
Are	you we they	we are. you are. they are.	we're not/we aren't. you're not/you aren't. they're not/they aren't.	

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Yes/No Question with "be".

If there is *one verb* in the statement and the verb is a form of *be*, simply switch the positions of the subject and verb.



*Statement:* John is a doctor.

*Question:* Is John a doctor?

*Statement:* The students are here.

*Question:* Are the students here?



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## Remember:

In conversation, most questions are asked of the *second person* (you) and answered in the *first person* (I).

A: *Are you* from California?

B: No, *I'm* from New York.

*Are you* from California?

A: Yes, *I am*.



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## Remember:

After yes, we do not contract the form of "to be".

Yes, I am / Yes, she is.

Yes, I'm / Yes, she's

unless there is more information:

Yes, *I'm* from San Francisco.

After no, there are sometimes 2 possible contractions, both of which are correct.

Is your book here?

No, it isn't here.

No, it's not here.





**Practice**

# Practice



Name: Patricia Carlos  
Age: 18  
Job: Student  
Nationality: Colombian  
Marital status: Single

1. Is she a teacher? No, she isn't.
2. Is she young? Yes, she is.
3. Is she Brazilian? No, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Colombian? Yes, she is.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 18 years old? Yes, she is.
6. Is she a student? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 19 years old? No, he isn't.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Malaysian? Yes, he is.
9. Is he a doctor? No, \_\_\_\_\_.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ single? Yes, he is.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ students? Yes, they are.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ young? Yes, they are.
13. Are they single? Yes, \_\_\_\_\_.
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# Practice

Ask your fellow student  
Yes/No question with be.

Is your sister older?

Are you married?

Are you (plural) students?

*Be original!*