

## Be Verb: Negative Contractions

A negative statement includes *not* after the be verb.

### Uses

- there are two forms of each contraction. However, *I am not* has only one contraction: *I'm not*.

### Example

I am not	I'm not	-----
We are not	We're not	We aren't
You are not	You're not	You aren't
They are not	They're not	They aren't
He is not	He's not	He isn't
She is not	She's not	She isn't
It is not	It's not	It isn't

NOTE: Contractions should only be used in speaking and informal writing.

### A. Contract and rewrite.

1. Ben is not a nurse.      He's not a nurse.      He isn't a nurse.
2. It is not my dog.      \_\_\_\_\_
3. She is not my sister.      \_\_\_\_\_
4. We are not classmates.      \_\_\_\_\_
5. I am not a teacher.      \_\_\_\_\_
6. You are not a boy.      \_\_\_\_\_
7. They are not very big.      \_\_\_\_\_
8. Tina is not my sister.      \_\_\_\_\_
9. It is not a fast car.      \_\_\_\_\_
10. I am not sleeping.      \_\_\_\_\_
11. I am not a teacher.      \_\_\_\_\_

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B. Circle the correct contraction.

1. He isn't / aren't a farmer.
2. Ted and Luke isn't / aren't brothers.
3. I am not / aren't a soldier.
4. Ya-Shing isn't / aren't my wife.
5. William isn't / aren't my son.
6. Gino isn't / aren't a chef.
7. They isn't / aren't my friends.
8. Adam isn't / aren't going home.
9. Tim and Jon isn't / aren't driving.
10. Jamal isn't / aren't at work.
11. I isn't / am not studying French.
12. You isn't / aren't my classmates.

C. Rewrite without contractions.

1. Mr Smith isn't a fat man. **Mr Smith is not a fat man.** \_\_\_\_\_
2. Kala and Mica aren't here. \_\_\_\_\_
3. You're not a fast runner. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Bill's not our teacher. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Chris and Marco aren't on time. \_\_\_\_\_
6. I'm not from Thailand. \_\_\_\_\_
7. She isn't working here. \_\_\_\_\_
8. You aren't going to Rome. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Lana's not making breakfast. \_\_\_\_\_
10. He's not my grandfather. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Malik and I aren't watching TV. \_\_\_\_\_