

The Verb "To Be": Negative Forms (Practice 2)

A1 English Worksheet – Lesson 6: More Practice with Negative Forms

Language Focus

To make the verb be negative, we add not after am, is, or are. We usually use the short (contracted) form in speaking and informal writing.

I	am not (I'm not)	<i>I'm not tired.</i>
he / she / it	is not (isn't)	<i>He isn't here. It isn't finished.</i>
you / we / they	are not (aren't)	<i>They aren't ready. We aren't busy.</i>

Remember: there is no contraction "amn't" in standard English. For "I", we always say I'm not, never "I amn't" or "I isn't".

Listening: A Disappointing Holiday Rental

Context: reviewing a holiday apartment

Listen to your teacher read this aloud, or read it yourself. Then complete Exercise 1.

This apartment isn't very big. It's small and dark.

The kitchen isn't modern; it's very old.

The beds aren't comfortable at all.

My sister isn't happy about the noise outside.

The neighbours aren't quiet at night.

We aren't enjoying this holiday very much.

The pool isn't clean either.

I'm not surprised, because the photos online aren't accurate.

1. True or False

Context: A Disappointing Holiday Rental (from the listening)

1. The apartment is big. True / False
2. The kitchen is modern. True / False
3. The neighbours are noisy at night. True / False
4. The beds are comfortable. True / False
5. The speaker is surprised. True / False

2. Multiple Choice

Context: a school trip

1. The bus ___ here yet.
isn't / aren't
2. The teachers ___ ready to leave.
isn't / aren't
3. I ___ nervous about the trip.
isn't / am not
4. The students ___ quiet on the bus.
isn't / aren't
5. This museum ___ far from school.
isn't / aren't
6. We ___ late for the tour.
aren't / isn't

3. Matching

Context: full form to contraction

Draw a line to match each full negative form to its contraction.

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| 1. it is not | <i>I'm not</i> |
| 2. you are not | <i>they aren't</i> |
| 3. I am not | <i>it isn't</i> |
| 4. she is not | <i>she isn't</i> |
| 5. they are not | <i>you aren't</i> |

4. Gap Fill

Context: a complaint email

Complete the email with the correct negative form for the words in brackets.

Dear Manager,

I _____ (I am not) happy with our stay. The room _____ (is not) clean. The staff _____ (are not) helpful at the front desk. My kids _____ (are not) comfortable in the small beds. The pool _____ (is not) open in the mornings. We _____ (are not) satisfied with this hotel.

5. Negative Form Sort

Sort these subjects into the correct group: I, He, She, It, The bus, This museum, You, We, They, The teachers, The students

am not:

isn't:

aren't:

6. Word Order

Context: getting ready for school

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. not / I'm / wearing / my / uniform / today.
2. isn't / The / bus / leaving / until / eight.
3. aren't / My / shoes / very / clean.
4. isn't / This / backpack / too / heavy.
5. aren't / We / ready / for / the / test / yet.

7. Right or Wrong?

Context: a product review

Is the negative form right or wrong? Circle your answer. If it's wrong, write the correct form.

1. This phone isn't very fast. Right / Wrong: _____
2. The headphones aren't comfortable. Right / Wrong: _____
3. I amn't satisfied with this purchase. Right / Wrong: _____
4. The instructions isn't clear. Right / Wrong: _____
5. This laptop aren't cheap. Right / Wrong: _____

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A1 Teacher Answer Key – Lesson 6

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1. True or False - Answers

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| 1. The apartment is big. | False |
| 2. The kitchen is modern. | False |
| 3. The neighbours are noisy at night. | True |
| 4. The beds are comfortable. | False |
| 5. The speaker is surprised. | False |

2. Multiple Choice - Answers

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|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. The bus ___ here yet. | isn't |
| 2. The teachers ___ ready to leave. | aren't |
| 3. I ___ nervous about the trip. | am not |
| 4. The students ___ quiet on the bus. | aren't |
| 5. This museum ___ far from school. | isn't |
| 6. We ___ late for the tour. | aren't |

3. Matching - Answers

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. it is not | it isn't |
| 2. you are not | you aren't |
| 3. I am not | I'm not |
| 4. she is not | she isn't |
| 5. they are not | they aren't |

4. Gap Fill - Answers (in order)

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| 1. Blank 1 | am not |
| 2. Blank 2 | isn't |
| 3. Blank 3 | aren't |
| 4. Blank 4 | aren't |
| 5. Blank 5 | isn't |
| 6. Blank 6 | aren't |

5. Negative Form Sort - Answers

am not:

I

isn't:

He, She, It, The bus, This museum

aren't:

You, We, They, The teachers, The students

6. Word Order - Answers

1. I'm not wearing my uniform today.
2. The bus isn't leaving until eight.
3. My shoes aren't very clean.
4. This backpack isn't too heavy.
5. We aren't ready for the test yet.

7. Right or Wrong? - Answers

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|--|------------------------|
| 1. This phone isn't very fast. | Right |
| 2. The headphones aren't comfortable. | Right |
| 3. I amn't satisfied with this purchase. | Wrong - I'm not |
| 4. The instructions isn't clear. | Wrong - aren't |
| 5. This laptop aren't cheap. | Wrong - isn't |