

1.1 Verb *be* (I/you)

- 1 We use the verb *be* to say our **name**, e.g. *I'm Peter*.

	Subject	<i>be</i>	
Positive	I	am/ 'm	María.
	You	are/ 're	Paul.
Negative	I	am not/ 'm not	Sarah.
	You	are not/aren't/ 're not	John.

- 2 We also use the verb *be* with *here*.

1 **I'm here** to study.

2 You **aren't here** on holiday, you**'re here** on business.

- 3 We use **contractions** in **positive** and **negative** sentences.

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1 We do **not** use **contractions** in questions and **positive** short answers with *be*.

<i>be</i>	subject		Short answers (+)	Short answers (-)
Are	you	Paul?	Yes, I <i>am</i> .	No, I <i>am</i> not/No, I' <i>m</i> not.
Are	you	here on holiday?	Yes, I <i>am</i> .	No, I <i>am</i> not/No, I' <i>m</i> not.

2 We can use **contractions** in **negative short** answers.

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1 Complete the gaps.

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1 You' _____ on holiday.

2 Hi! I' _____ Anna.

3 _____ you here on business?

4 Are you here to study? Yes, I _____ .

5 Are you Marco? No, I'm _____ .

6 You are _____ on holiday, you're on business.