

Verb To Be



I'm 30.

My name *is* Lisa.

I'm single.

I'm American. I'm from Chicago.

My favorite color *is* blue.

I'm an executive assistant.

My favorite sports *are* swimming and figure skating.

My father *is* a college professor and my mother *is* a journalist.

I'm interested in art.



I'm 36.

I'm divorced.

My name *is* Alfred.

I'm Belgian. I'm from Brussels.

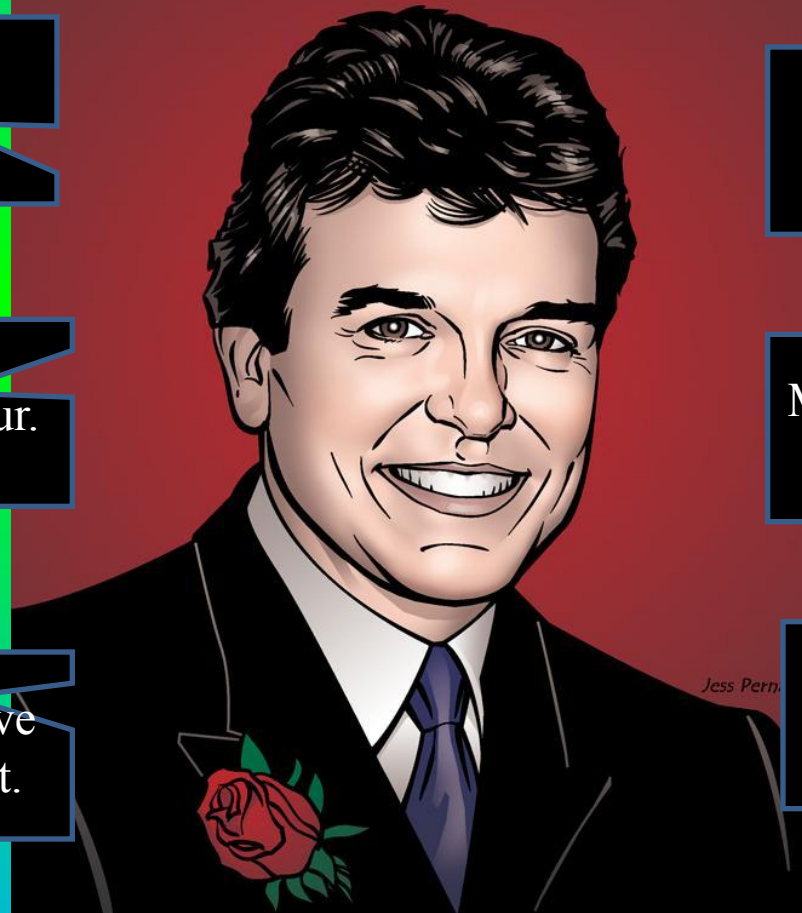
My favorite color *is* purple.

I'm a micro-entrepreneur.

My favorite sports *are* golf and chess.

My ex-wife *is* a detective and my son *is* a student.

I'm interested in foreign cultures.



Affirmative Sentences

I am → **I'm**

He is → **He's**
She is → **She's**
It is → **It's**

You are → **You're**
We are → **We're**
They are → **They're**

I'm *not* 36.

My name *isn't* Lenore.

I'm *not* married.

I'm *not* Irish. I'm *not* from
Dublin.

My favorite color *isn't*
pink.

I'm *not* a model.

My favorite sports *aren't*
soccer and tennis.

My father *isn't* an
accountant and my mother
isn't a housewife.

I'm *not* interested in
astrology.



I'm *not* 42.

My name *isn't* Douglas.

I'm *not* a widower.

I'm *not* Belarusian. I'm
not from Minsk.

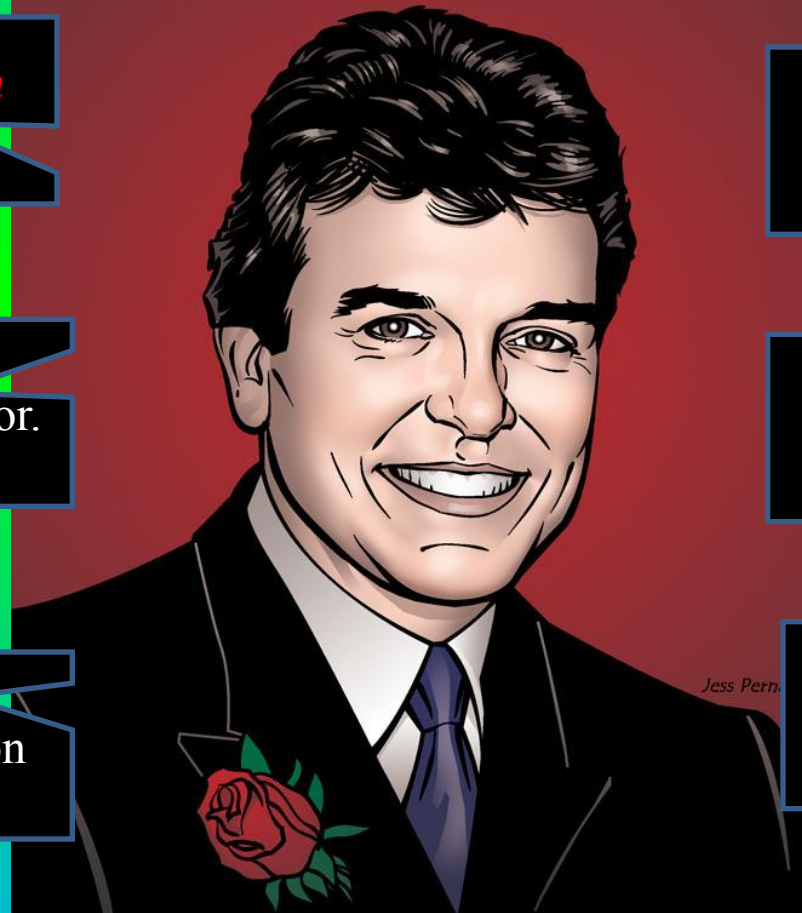
My favorite color *isn't*
brown.

I'm *not* a freelance editor.

My favorite sports *aren't*
baseball and car racing.

My ex-wife *isn't* a
chiropractor and my son
isn't a photographer.

I'm *not* interested in
self-help books.



Negative Sentences

I am not → **I'm not**

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**

You are not → You're not / **You aren't**
We are → We're not / **We aren't**
They are → They're not / **They aren't**

Am I 32?

Is my name Tara?

Am I engaged?

Am I Chilean? **Am** I from Santiago?

Is gray my favorite color?

Am I a sales clerk?

Are archery and water polo my favorite sports?

Is my father a school principal? **Is** my mother a neurologist?

Am I interested in politics?



Am I 51?

Am I married?

Is my name Liam?

Am I South African? **Am** I from Pretoria?

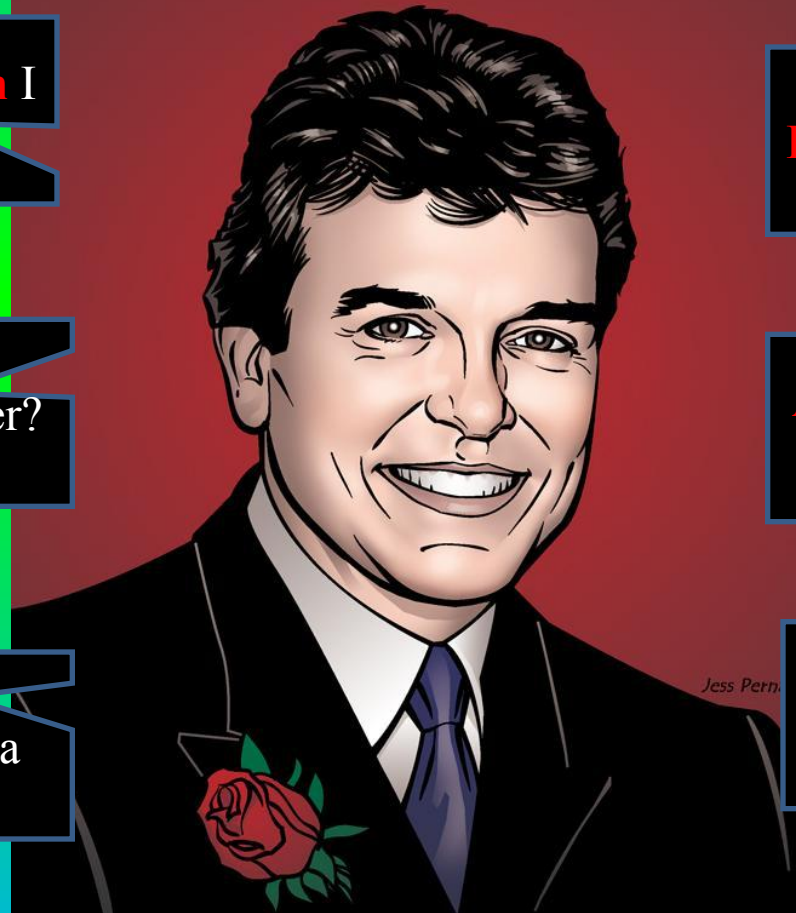
Is white my favorite color?

Am I a radio broadcaster?

Are skiing and hockey my favorite sports?

Is my ex-wife a paramedic? **Is** my son a painter?

Am I interested in bullfighting?



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Yes/No Questions

Am I...?

Is he...?

Is she...?

Is it...?

Are you...?

Are we...?

Are they...?

Yes/No Questions: Answers

Yes, I am / No, I'm not

Yes, he is / No, he isn't
Yes, she is / No, she isn't
Yes, it is / No, it isn't

Yes, you are / No, you aren't
Yes, we are / No, we aren't
Yes, they are / No, they aren't

How old am I?

What is my name?

What is my marital status?

What is my nationality?
Where am I from?

What is my favorite
color?

What is my occupation?

What are my favorite
sports?

What is my father's
occupation? **What is** my
mother's occupation?

What am I interested in?



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What am I interested in?



Wh- Questions

Wh- word + am I...?

Wh- word + is he...?

Wh- word + is she...?

Wh- word + is it...?

Wh- word + are you...?

Wh- word + are we...?

Wh- word + are they...?

Wh- Words

What
(Qué)

Where
(Dónde)

When
(Cuándo)

Why
(Por qué)

Who
(Quién)

How
(Cómo)

Which
(Cuál)

Whom
(A quién)

Whose
(De quién)

Examples: Affirmative Sentence

I am a business administrator and I work at a Chinese restaurant.

You are my soul mate.



Examples: Affirmative Sentence (2)

The priest is 56 years old.

- *The priest* can be replaced by *he* because the main word, *priest*, refers to a man.

Sarah, the waitress, is married to my cousin.

- *Sarah, the waitress,* can be replaced by *she* because the main word, *Sarah*, refers to a woman.

Examples: Affirmative Sentence (3)

My sister's stuffed toy is a teddy bear.

- *My sister's stuffed toy* can be replaced by *it* because the main word, *toy*, refers to a thing.

My colleagues and I are very good friends.

- *My colleagues and I* can be replaced by *we* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the speaker is included.

Examples: Affirmative Sentence (4)

You, Walter and Michael are classmates.

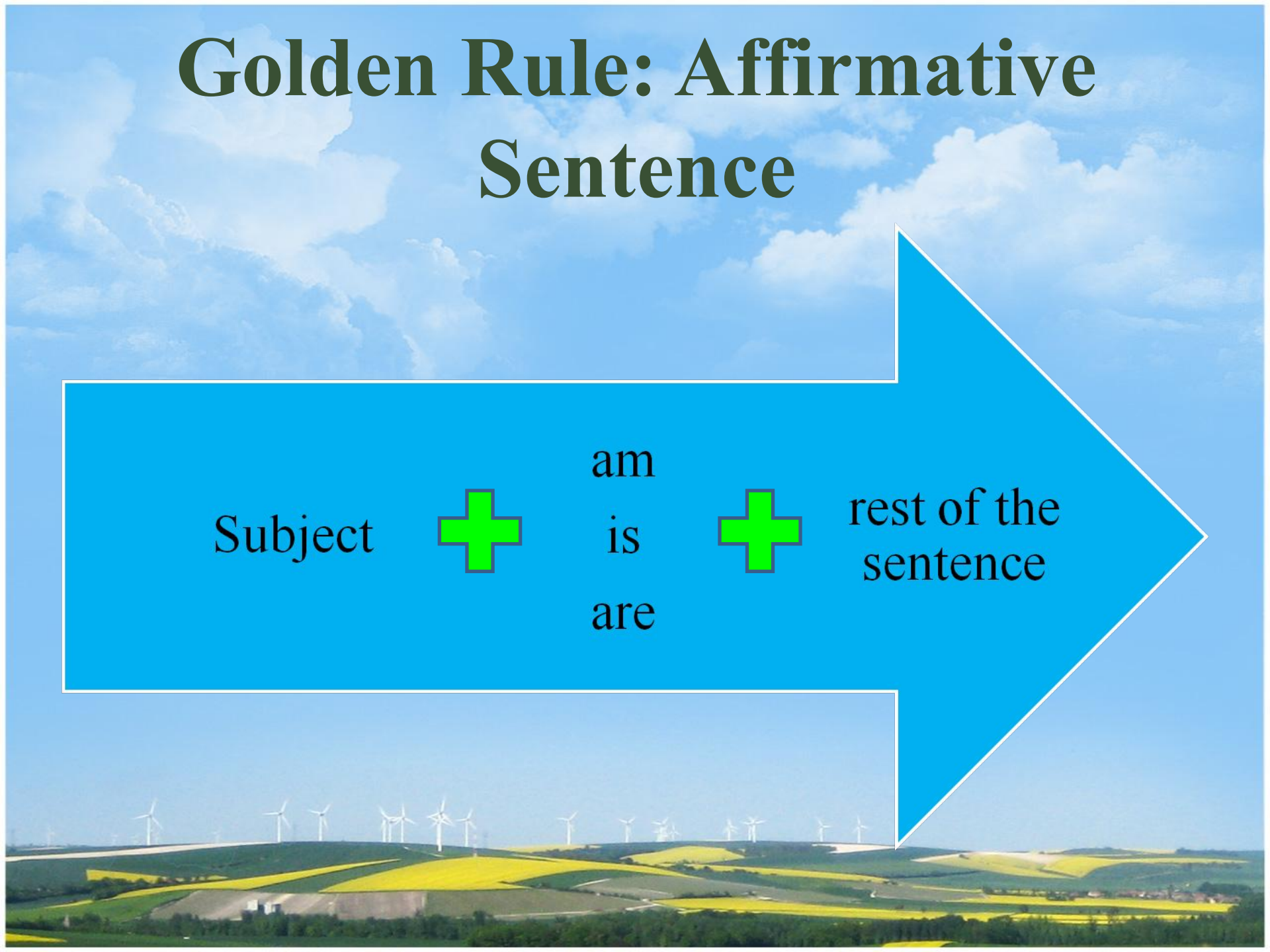
- *You, Walter and Michael* can be replaced by *you (plural)* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the listener is included.

All my roommates are Cuban.

- *All my roommates* can be replaced by *they* because the main word, *roommates*, refers to a group of people.

Golden Rule: Affirmative Sentence

Subject + am
 + is
 + are rest of the sentence



Examples: Negative Sentence

I'm not hungry at the moment.

You aren't a very nice person.



Examples: Negative Sentence (2)

Their stepfather isn't a construction worker anymore.

- *Their stepfather* can be replaced by *he* because the main word, *stepfather*, refers to a man.

That woman over there isn't particularly beautiful.

- *That woman over there* can be replaced by *she* because the main word, *woman*, refers to a woman.

Examples: Negative Sentence (3)

All that glitters isn't gold.

- *All that glitters* can be replaced by *it* because the main word, *all*, refers to a thing.

The bosses and I aren't very pleased with the results of the campaign.

- *The bosses and I* can be replaced by *we* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the speaker is included.

Examples: Negative Sentence (4)

You and your family aren't welcome here.

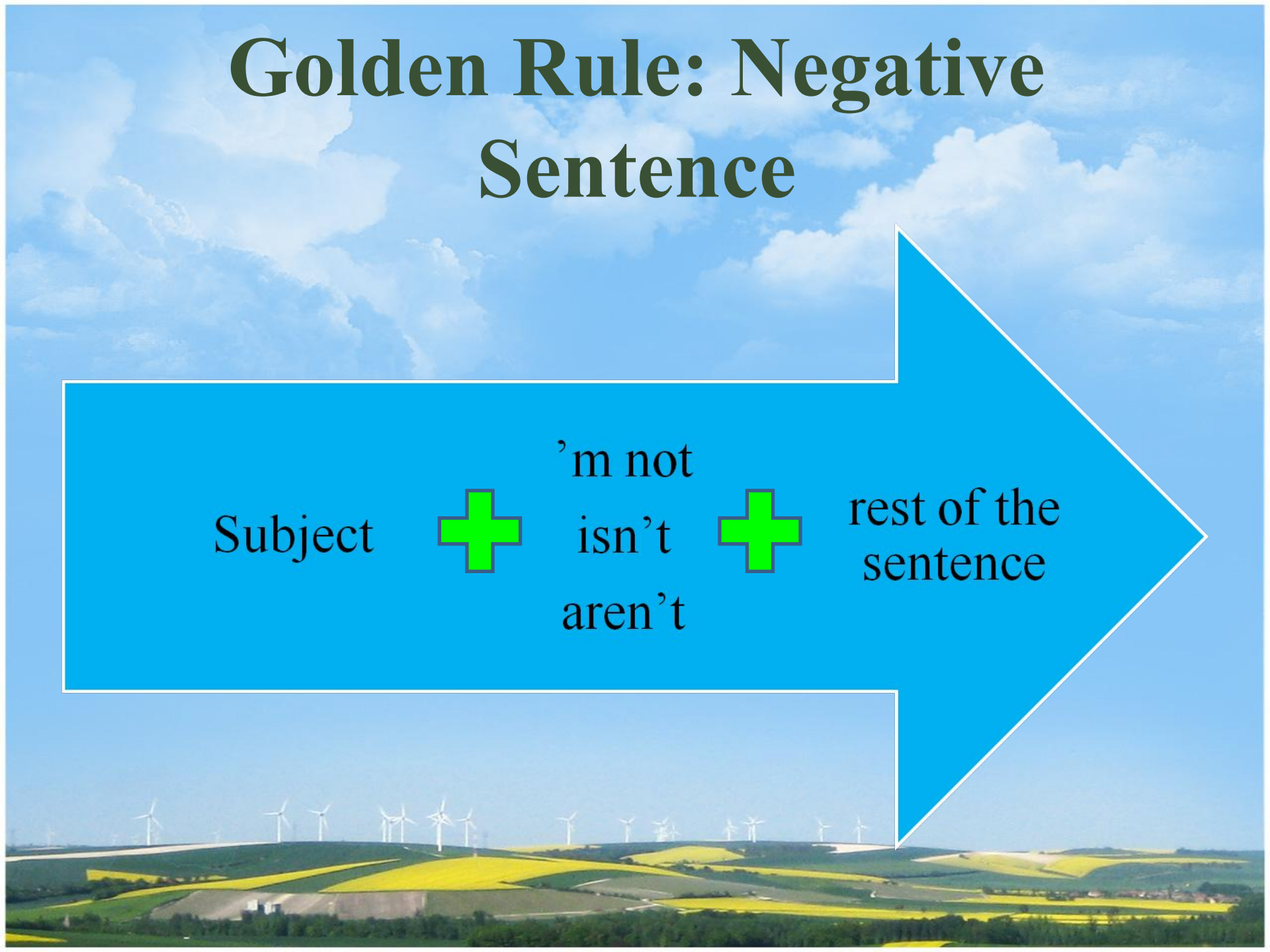
- *You and your family* can be replaced by *you (plural)* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the listener is included.

The band members aren't Scottish.

- *The band members* can be replaced by *they* because the main word, *members*, refers to a group of people.

Golden Rule: Negative Sentence

Subject + 'm not
isn't + rest of the
aren't sentence



Examples: Questions

Am I the only one who can see the truth?

Are you stupid or something?



Examples: Questions (2)

Is the US President capable of dealing with the crisis effectively?

- *The US President* can be replaced by *he* because world knowledge tells us that the US President is a man.

Is Marilyn Monroe the sexiest actress of all times?

- *Marilyn Monroe* can be replaced by *she* because world knowledge tells us that Marilyn Monroe was indeed a woman.

Examples: Questions (3)

Is money the solution to all our problems?

- *Money* can be replaced by *it* because the word refers to a thing.

Are Monica, Ron and I your only guests tonight?

- *Monica, Ron and I* can be replaced by *we* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the speaker is included.

Examples: Questions (4)

Are you and your friends from this town?

- *You and your friends* can be replaced by *you (plural)* because the phrase refers to a group of people where the listener is included.

Are earthquakes frequent in this part of the world?

- *Earthquakes* can be replaced by *they* because the word refers to a group of things.

Golden Rule: Questions

Am

Is

Are



subject



rest of the
sentence

?