

1 Reference

Subject pronouns, possessive adjectives and possessive 's

There are eight subject pronouns in English. We use subject pronouns before verbs.

There are also eight possessive adjectives. We use possessive adjectives before nouns.

Subject pronouns	<i>I</i> <i>you</i> <i>he</i> <i>she</i> <i>it</i> <i>we</i> <i>you</i> <i>they</i>	+ verb	Possessive adjectives	<i>my</i> <i>your</i> <i>his</i> <i>her</i> <i>its</i> <i>our</i> <i>your</i> <i>their</i>	+ noun
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Possessive adjectives and noun + 's have the meaning *belongs to* (for things). With people they show relationships.

This is John's phone. This is his phone.

Kim is Steve's wife. Kim is his wife.

Verb to be

+	<i>I</i>	<i>am ('m)</i>	German./ from Germany.		
	<i>You</i>	<i>are ('re)</i>			
	<i>He/She/It</i>	<i>is ('s)</i>			
	<i>We/You/They</i>	<i>are ('re)</i>			
-	<i>I</i>	<i>'m not</i>	Italian./ from Italy.		
	<i>You</i>	<i>aren't</i>			
	<i>He/She/It</i>	<i>isn't</i>			
	<i>We/You/They</i>	<i>aren't</i>			
?	<i>Am I</i>	American?	Yes, (No,)	<i>I</i>	<i>am. ('m not.)</i>
	<i>Are you</i>			<i>you</i>	<i>are. (aren't.)</i>
	<i>Is he/she/it</i>			<i>he/she/it</i>	<i>is. (isn't.)</i>
	<i>Are we/you/they</i>			<i>we/you/they</i>	<i>are. (aren't.)</i>

In informal English we usually use the contracted forms:

'm = am, 's = is, 're = are, isn't = is not, aren't = are not

I am British. = I'm British.

He is Brazilian. = He's Brazilian.

I'm not Italian. He/She/It isn't Italian. We/You/They aren't Italian.

We don't use contracted forms in questions and short positive answers.

A: *Are you Russian?*

B: *Yes, I am.*

Wh- questions

We form *wh-* questions with a question word.

Who asks about a person.

What asks about a thing.

Where asks about a place.

How old asks about age.

Question word + *am/is/are* + subject pronoun.

How old is she?

Where are you from?

a/an

We use *a/an* to introduce singular nouns.

a teacher, a doctor, a car, an iPod, an address

We don't use *a/an* with adjectives.

She's unemployed.

<i>a</i>	before consonant sounds: <i>a burger, a handbag</i>
<i>an</i>	before vowel sounds: <i>an engineer, an uncle</i>

Key vocabulary

Family words

Male	Female
father	mother
husband	wife
son	daughter
brother	sister
uncle	aunt
nephew	niece
grandfather	grandmother
stepbrother	sister-in-law

Male or female

children cousins grandparents parents

Jobs and work

actor architect chef
computer programmer dentist director
doctor engineer farmer lawyer
sea captain shop assistant student
teacher TV producer
retired
unemployed



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