

Present Simple Exercises with "Be"

Negative sentences

A. Add the present simple negative form of "be"

Frank _____ lazy. → Frank is not lazy. OR Frank's not lazy. OR Frank isn't lazy.

1. I _____ tired.
2. He _____ at school today.
3. They _____ teachers.
4. You _____ late.
5. We _____ sick.
6. It _____ cold outside.
7. The girls _____ in the classroom.
8. George and I _____ hungry.
9. My sister _____ an accountant.
10. This phone _____ expensive.

B. Make the sentences negative

We are happy. → We are not happy. OR We're not happy. OR We aren't happy.

11. He is at home.
12. I am ready.
13. They are from Japan.
14. We are busy.
15. It is cheap.
16. My friends are here today.
17. The movie is boring.
18. Charlie is at work.
19. Anna and I are sad.
20. You are a student.

Answers

A.

1. I **am not** tired. / I'm **not** tired.
2. He **is not** at school today. / He's **not** at school today. / He **isn't** at school today.
3. They **are not** teachers. / They're **not** teachers. / They **aren't** teachers.
4. You **are not** late. / You're **not** late. / You **aren't** late.
5. We **are not** sick. / We're **not** sick. / We **aren't** sick.
6. It **is not** cold outside. / It's **not** cold outside. / It **isn't** cold outside.
7. The girls **are not** in the classroom. / The girls **aren't** in the classroom.
(NB: We don't contract nouns and "are" when we write, so we don't write "girls're not".)
8. George and I **are not** hungry. / George and I **aren't** hungry.
(NB: We don't contract "I" and "are" when we write, so we don't write "I're not".)
9. My sister **is not** an accountant. / My sister's **not** an accountant. / My sister **isn't** an accountant.
10. This phone **is not** expensive. / This phone's **not** expensive. / This phone **isn't** expensive.

B.

11. He is not at home. / He's not at home. / He isn't at home.
12. I am not ready. / I'm not ready.
13. They are not from Japan. / They're not from Japan. / They aren't from Japan.
14. We are not busy. / We're not busy. / We aren't busy.
15. It is not cheap. / It's not cheap. / It isn't cheap.
16. My friends are not here today. / My friends aren't here today.
(See A. 7.)
17. The movie is not boring. / The movie's not boring. / The movie isn't boring.
18. Charlie is not at work. / Charlie's not at work. / Charlie isn't at work.
19. Anna and I are not sad. / Anna and I aren't sad.
(See A. 8.)
20. You are not a student. / You're not a student. / You aren't a student.