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. _____

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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 do not contract nouns and ***are*** when we write, so we do not write "girls're not".)
8. George and I **are not** hungry. / George and I **aren't** hungry.
   (NB: We do not contract ***I*** and ***are*** when we write, so we do not 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.

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