

# UNIT 3

## Present of *Be*: Statements

### I'M NOT FROM AROUND HERE

#### OUTCOMES

- Make simple present statements with the verb *be*
- Correct false sentences about a reading
- Identify true and false sentences about a conversation
- Talk about yourself and a classmate
- Talk and write about cities

### STEP 1 GRAMMAR IN CONTEXT

#### BEFORE YOU READ

**A VOCABULARY** Study the words. Then work with a partner. Practice the conversation.



dirty

clean



far

near



#### Conversation

- A: Are you from around here?  
 B: No, I'm not. I'm from Sydney, Australia.  
 A: That's far from here! How's Sydney?  
 B: It's great. It's fun.

**B** Now talk about the city you are from. Use the words under the pictures in A or other words.

- A: Are you from around here?  
 B: No, I'm not. I'm from \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A: That's \_\_\_\_\_ here! How's \_\_\_\_\_?  
 B: It's \_\_\_\_\_. It's \_\_\_\_\_.



# READ

Read this conversation.

## We Love Seattle!

MARK: Hi, Steve.  
 STEVE: Hi, Mark. Uh, Mark . . . this is my cousin Amy, and this is her friend Jenny.  
 MARK: Hi. Nice to meet you.  
 AMY: Nice to meet you, too.  
 MARK: So, you're not from around here.  
 AMY: No, we're from Sydney.  
 MARK: Sydney, Australia? That's really far from Seattle.  
 AMY: Yes, it is. How about you? Are you from Seattle?  
 MARK: Yes, I am.  
 AMY: Jenny and I love Seattle. It's a beautiful and clean city. It's fun, and the people are friendly.  
 MARK: How's Sydney?  
 AMY: It's a great city, too—and not just because I live there!



### AFTER YOU READ

**A COMPREHENSION** Look at the conversation again. Correct the underlined words.

Jenny and Amy are in Sydney. Steve is Amy's uncle. Steve introduces Jenny and Amy to Mark. Amy talks about her family. Amy says Seattle is not a beautiful city. It's dirty. It's boring, and the people are unfriendly.

**B** Work with a partner. Compare your answers in A.

Go to [MyEnglishLab](#) for more grammar in context practice.

## STEP 2 GRAMMAR PRESENTATION

### PRESENT OF THE VERB *BE*

#### Affirmative Statements

Subject	<i>Am</i>	Subject	<i>Is</i>	Subject	<i>Are</i>
I	am from Seattle.	He	is from Seattle.	We Jenny and I You Jenny and Amy They	are from Sydney.
		She			
It	Seattle	is clean.			

#### Contractions

I am = I'm	he is = he's she is = she's it is = it's	we are = we're you are = you're they are = they're
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#### Negative Statements

Subject	<i>Am not</i>	Subject	<i>Is not</i>	Subject	<i>Are not</i>
I	am not from here.	He	is not from here.	We You They	are not from here.
		She			
It	Seattle	is not dirty.			

#### Contractions

I am not = I'm not	he is not = he's not or he isn't she is not = she's not or she isn't it is not = it's not or it isn't	we are not = we're not or we aren't you are not = you're not or you aren't they are not = they're not or they aren't
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### GRAMMAR NOTES

#### 1 Present of *Be*

The present of the verb *be* has three forms: *am*, *is*, and *are*.

Use *am*, *is*, or *are* to make an **affirmative statement**.

I **am** from Seattle.  
It **is** clean.  
They **are** friendly.

Use *am*, *is*, or *are* + **not** to make a **negative statement**.

I **am not** from Sydney.  
It **is not** dirty.  
We **are not** cold.



## 2 Contractions

We often use **contractions** (short forms) in speaking and writing.

**USAGE NOTE** There are **two negative contractions** for *is not* and *are not*. We often use *isn't* or *aren't* after **subject nouns**. We often use *'s not* or *'re not* after **subject pronouns**.

I'm from Seattle. He **isn't** from Seattle.  
Sydney **isn't** cold. **It's not** cold.

**SUBJECT NOUN**  
*Jenny and Amy aren't* cousins.

**SUBJECT PRONOUN**  
*They're not* cousins.

### REFERENCE NOTE

For definitions of grammar terms, see the Glossary on page 375.

Go to [MyEnglishLab](#) to watch the grammar presentation.

## STEP 3 FOCUSED PRACTICE

### EXERCISE 1 DISCOVER THE GRAMMAR

**A GRAMMAR NOTES 1-2** Read the sentences. Check (✓) *Affirmative* or *Negative*.

	Affirmative	Negative
1. She is not from around here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. She is here with a friend.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. They're not from Sydney.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. We're students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. I'm not from Seattle.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. It's a clean city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Brazil isn't far from Colombia.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The women aren't from New York.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**B** Find six sentences in A with contractions. Write them with the full forms.

- They are not from Sydney.* \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_