

Lesson Plan:

The verb 'to be' - negative form

LEVEL Beginner (A1)	TIME 45-60 minutes	SKILLS Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing
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Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Recognize negative forms of to be
- Use **am not** / **is not (isn't)** / **are not (aren't)** in simple sentences
- Say and write basic negative sentences about themselves and others

Target Language

Affirmative → Negative

I am → I am not

He is → He is not / He isn't

She is → She is not / She isn't

It is → It is not / It isn't

You are → You are not / You aren't

We are → We are not / We aren't

They are → They are not / They aren't

Materials

- Whiteboard / markers
- Pictures of people (optional)
- Handout or slides (optional)

Lesson Procedure

1. Warm-up (5-7 minutes)

Review affirmative form

1. Write on the board:

I am a student.

He is a teacher.

2. Ask simple yes/no or repetition questions:

"Am I a student?"

"Is he a teacher?"

2. Presentation (10 minutes)

Introduce the negative

1. Write:

- I am **not** a teacher.

2. Underline **not**.

3. Show pattern:

Subject + am/is/are + not

4. Present examples:

I am not tired.

She is not here.

They are not students.

5. Introduce contractions (optional but recommended): is not → isn't are not → aren't

Explain: "*am not*" has no contraction

3. Controlled Practice (10-15 minutes)

Activity 1: Fill in the blanks

I ___ not from Canada. (am)

He ___ not happy. (is)

We ___ not late. (are)

Activity 2: Sentence correction

She am not a doctor.

She **is not** a doctor.

4. Speaking Practice (10 minutes)

Activity: True or False

1. Students say one sentence about themselves:

"I am not 20."

"I am not from Brazil."

2. Class listens and says: *True or False*

OR

Pair practice

Student A: "Are you a teacher?"

Student B: "No, I am not."

5. Freer Practice / Personalization (5-10 minutes)

Write or say 3 sentences

- One about yourself
- One about a friend or family member

Example:

- I am not tall.
- My sister is not a student.
- We are not tired.

6. Review & Feedback (5 minutes)

- Quick oral review:

"Negative of *he is*?"

"Negative of *they are*?"

- Correct common errors:

I not am happy

I am not happy

Common Beginner Errors to Watch For

I not am...

She aren't...

He not...

Optional Homework

- Write 5 negative sentences using to be
- Change affirmative sentences into negative ones
- Which is most common in academic or professional writing?