

# 1 to be; a/an; wh- questions

## to be

### Form

+	I'm (= am) He's/She's/It's (= is) You're/We're/They're (= are)	a student. from Poland. at work.
-	I'm not (= am not) He/She/It isn't (= is not) or He's/She's/It's not You/We/They aren't (= are not) or You're/We're/They're not	American. here. Chinese. lawyers.
?	Am I Is he/she/it Are you/we/they	late? at the office? tired?

## Questions with to be

- We put the form of the verb to be at the beginning.  
Am I early?                      Is it here?  
Is he a manager?                Are you Spanish?
- We do not use the short form of the verb in answers.  
Are you a consultant?        Yes, I am. (NOT ~~Yes, I'm.~~)  
Is she married?                Yes, she is. (NOT ~~Yes, she's.~~)  
Are they OK?                    Yes, they are. (NOT ~~Yes, they're.~~)

## a/an

### 1 a/an with singular nouns

- We use a before words beginning with a consonant sound (for example c, p, y, j).  
a city    a European    a picture    a problem    a university
- We use an before words beginning with a vowel sound (for example a, e).  
an address    an answer    an hour    an interest    an office

### 2 a/an with jobs

- We use a/an with jobs.  
He's a designer. (NOT ~~He's designer.~~)  
She's an architect. (NOT ~~She's architect.~~)

### 3 We don't use a/an with plural nouns.

## wh- questions

What	's	your job?
	are	their names?
Who	's	your boss?
	are	they?
Where	's	my case?
	are	the files?