36 Questions with *be*

1 Form

Yes / No QUESTIONS			SHORT ANSWERS	
Am	*I*	*late?*	*Yes, I am.*	*No, I'm not.*
Is	*he/she/it*		*Yes, he/she/it is.*	*No, he/she/it isn't. No, he's/she's/it's not.*
Are	*we*		*Yes, we are.*	*No, we aren't/we're not.*
Are	*you*		*Yes, you are.*	*No, you aren't/you're not.*
Are	*they*		*Yes, they are.*	*No, they aren't/they're not.*

Wh- QUESTIONS		
Where	*am*	*I?*
Who	*are*	*you?*
What	*is ('s)*	*your job?*
How old	*is ('s)*	*your brother?*

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2 Use

We use *be* to ask about

- names, nationality, jobs and family:
  *What's your name? **Is** Sandra Canadian? **Are** they doctors? **Is** she married?*
- feelings:
  *Are you hungry? How **are** you? **Is** she happy?*
- position and time:
  *Where **is** it? **Is** your house near here? What time **is** it? **Am** I late?*

In questions, we put the verb *be* before the subject of the sentence:

✗ ~~*You are hungry?*~~ ✓ ***Are you** hungry?*
✗ ~~*What your job is?*~~ ✓ *What**'s your job?***

3 Short answers

We usually use the short form of the verb in short answers with *no*:
*Is he British? No, he **isn't**.*

We don't use the short form of the verb in short answers with *yes*:

Are those people students?
✗ ~~*Yes, they're.*~~
✓ *Yes, they **are**.*

We use pronouns, not nouns, in short answers:

Is your house near here?
✗ ~~*Yes, my house is.*~~
✓ *Yes, **it** is.*

Are Carrie and Karl married?
✗ ~~*Yes, Carrie and Karl are.*~~
✓ *Yes, **they** are.*