

GRAMMAR CHART

Contractions with 'Be' Verbs

Statements

Affirmative

Negative

NOTE: Contractions are **NOT** used with the past forms of the 'Be' verb (was & were).



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| ● I am late. | I'm late. | I'm not late. | |
| ● You are late. | You're late. | You're not late. | OR You aren't late. |
| ● He is late. | He's late. | He's not late. | OR He isn't late. |
| ● She is late. | She's late. | She's not late. | OR She isn't late. |
| ● It is late. | It's late. | It's not late. | OR It isn't late. |
| ● We are late. | We're late. | We're not late. | OR We aren't late. |
| ● They are late. | They're late. | They're not late. | OR They aren't late. |

- **Contractions** are commonly used in spoken English, but less commonly used in written English. They are often found in 'friendly' texts, (such as e-mails to friends) but not in 'formal' texts (such as business letters, cover letters and job resumes).



NOTE:
The contraction of
"I am not" is "I'm not"
BUT NEVER "Imn't"

