

Grammar exercise

The verb “To be” in Present Tense – Negative form

I. Fill in the blanks with the negative form of simple present tense with “To be”.

1. The weather _____ (not / be) cold today.
2. My sister and I _____ (not / be) busy today.
3. His backpack _____ (not / be) blue.
4. I _____ (not / be) thirsty.
5. This book _____ (not / be) about science.
6. The girls _____ (not / be) in the backyard.
7. He _____ (not / be) afraid of the dog.
8. These _____ (not / be) bananas.

II. Negate the sentences.

1. My father is at work. _____
2. The hamster is in the cage. _____
3. We are children. _____
4. Leo and Steve are good friends. _____
5. It's four o'clock. _____
6. I'm a receptionist. _____
7. There is a cat under the table. _____

Answers:

Exercise 1

1. is not / 's not / isn't
2. are not / aren't
3. is not / 's not / isn't
4. 'm not / am not
5. is not / 's not / isn't
6. are not / aren't
7. is not / 's not / isn't
8. are not / aren't

Exercise 2

1. My father is not at work / My father isn't at work / My father's not at work.
2. The hamster is not in the cage / The hamster isn't in the cage / The hamster's not in the cage.
3. We are not children / We aren't children / We're not children.
4. Leo and Steve are not good friends / Leo and Steve aren't good friends
5. It's not four o'clock / It isn't four o'clock.
6. I'm not a receptionist.
7. There is not a cat under the table / There isn't a cat under the table / There's not a cat under the table.