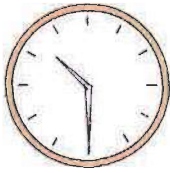


It ...

A

We use **it** for time/day/distance/weather:

time



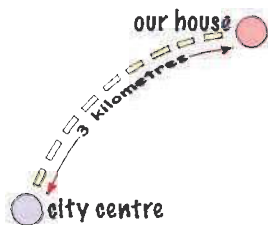
- What time is **it**?
- It's** half past ten.
- It's** late.
- It's** time to go home.

day



- What day is **it**?
- It's** Thursday.
- It's** 16 March.
- It** was my birthday yesterday.

distance



- It's** three kilometres from our house to the city centre.
- How far is **it** from New York to Los Angeles?
- It's** a long way from here to the station.
- We can walk home. **It** isn't far.

We use **far** in questions (**is it far?**) and negatives (**it isn't far**).
In positive sentences, we use **a long way** (**it's a long way**).

weather



- It's** raining. **It** isn't raining. Is **it** snowing?
- It** rains a lot here. **It** didn't rain yesterday.
Does **it** snow very often?
- It's** warm/hot/cold/fine/cloudy/windy/sunny/foggy/dark etc.
- It's** a nice day today.

Compare **it** and **there**:

- It rains** a lot in winter.
There is a lot of rain in winter.
- It** was very windy.
There was a strong wind yesterday.

B

It's nice to ... etc.

It's	easy / difficult / impossible / dangerous / safe expensive / interesting / nice / wonderful / terrible etc.	to ...
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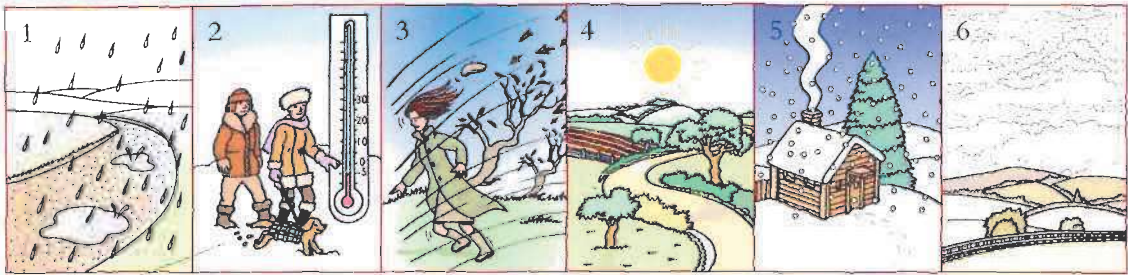
- It's nice to see you again.**
- It's impossible to understand her.**
- It wasn't easy to find your house.**

C

Don't forget **it**:

- It's** raining again. (*not* Is raining again)
- Is **it** true that you're going away? (*not* Is true that ...)

39.1 Write about the weather in the pictures. Use It's ...



- 1 It's raining. 4
- 2 5
- 3 6

39.2 Write it is (it's) or is it.

- 1 What time is it ?
- 2 We must go now. very late.
- 3 true that Bill can fly a helicopter?
- 4 'What day today? Tuesday?' 'No, Wednesday.'
- 5 ten kilometres from the airport to the city centre.
- 6 possible to phone you at your office?
- 7 'Do you want to walk to the hotel?' 'I don't know. How far ?'
- 8 Lisa's birthday today. She's 27.
- 9 I don't believe it! impossible.

39.3 Write questions with How far ... ?

- 1 (here / the station) How far is it from here to the station?
- 2 (the hotel / the beach) How
- 3 (New York / Washington)
- 4 (your house / the airport)

39.4 Write it or there.

- 1 The weather isn't so nice today. It 's cloudy.
- 2 There was a strong wind yesterday.
- 3 's hot in this room. Open a window.
- 4 was a nice day yesterday. was warm and sunny.
- 5 was a storm last night. Did you hear it?
- 6 I was afraid because was very dark.
- 7 's often cold here, but isn't much rain.
- 8 's a long way from here to the nearest shop.

39.5 Complete the sentences. Choose from the boxes.

it's	easy	dangerous	to	work in this office	get up early
	difficult	nice		visit different places	go out alone
	impossible	interesting		see you again	make friends

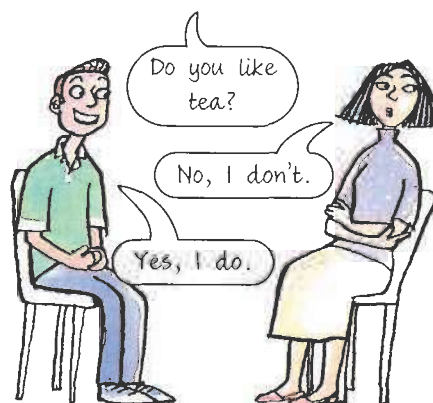
- 1 If you go to bed late, it's difficult to get up early in the morning.
- 2 Hello, Jane. How are you?
- 3 There is too much noise.
- 4 Everybody is very nice at work.
- 5 I like travelling.
- 6 Some cities are not safe. at night.

I am, I don't etc.

A



She isn't tired, but **he is**.
(**he is** = he is tired)



He likes tea, but **she doesn't**.
(**she doesn't** = she doesn't like tea)

In these examples, it is not necessary to repeat some words ('he is *tired*', 'she doesn't *like tea*').

You can use these verbs in the same way:

am/is/are
was/were
have/has
do/does/did
can
will
might
must

- I haven't got a car, but my sister **has**. (= my sister has got a car)
- A: Please help me.
B: I'm sorry. I **can't**. (= I can't help you)
- A: Are you tired?
B: I **was**, but I'm **not** now. (= I was tired, but I'm not tired now)
- A: Do you think Jane **will** phone this evening?
B: She **might**. (= she might phone)
- A: Are you going now?
B: Yes, I'm afraid I **must**. (= I must go)

You *cannot* use 'm/'s/'ve etc. (*short forms*) in this way. You must use **am/is/have** etc. :

- She isn't tired, but he **is**. (*not ... but he's*)

But you *can* use **isn't / haven't / won't** etc. (*negative short forms*):

- My sister has got a car, but I **haven't**.
- 'Are you and Jane working tomorrow?' 'I am, but Jane **isn't**.'

B

You can use **I am / I'm not** etc. after **Yes** and **No**:

- 'Are you tired?' 'Yes, I **am**. / No, I'm **not**.'
- 'Will Alan be here tomorrow?' 'Yes, he **will**. / No, he **won't**.'
- 'Is there a bus to the airport?' 'Yes, there **is**. / No, there **isn't**.'

C

We use **do/does** for the *present simple* (→ Units 6-7):

- I don't like hot weather, but Sue **does**. (= Sue likes hot weather)
- Sue works hard, but I **don't**. (= I don't work hard)
- 'Do you enjoy your work?' 'Yes, I **do**.'

We use **did** for the *past simple* (→ Unit 12):

- A: Did you and Chris enjoy the film?
B: I **did**, but Chris **didn't**. (= I enjoyed it, but Chris didn't enjoy it)
- 'I had a good time.' 'I **did** too.' (= I enjoyed it too)
- 'Did it rain yesterday?' 'No, it **didn't**.'

40.1 Complete these sentences. Use only one verb (is/have/can etc.) each time.

- 1 Kate wasn't hungry, but we were . 4 I haven't seen the film, but Tom
 2 I'm not married, but my brother 5 Karen won't be here, but Chris
 3 Bill can't help you, but I 6 You weren't late, but I

40.2 Complete these sentences with a negative verb (isn't/haven't/can't etc.).

- 1 My sister can play the piano, but I can't . 4 Mark has been to China, but I
 2 Sam is working today, but I 5 I'm ready to go, but Tom
 3 I was working, but my friends 6 I've got a key, but Sally

40.3 Complete these sentences with do/does/did or don't/doesn't/didn't.

- 1 I don't like hot weather, but Sue does .
 2 Sue likes hot weather, but I don't .
 3 My mother wears glasses, but my father
 4 You don't know Paul very well, but I
 5 I didn't enjoy the party, but my friends
 6 I don't watch TV much, but Peter
 7 Kate lives in London, but her parents
 8 You had breakfast this morning, but I

40.4 Complete the sentences. Write about yourself and other people.

- 1 I didn't go out last night, but my friends did.
 2 I like , but
 3 I don't , but
 4 I'm
 5 I haven't

40.5 Put in a verb, positive or negative.

- 1 'Are you tired?' 'I was earlier, but I'm not now.'
 2 Steve is happy today, but he yesterday.
 3 The post office isn't open yet, but the shops
 4 I haven't got a telescope, but I know somebody who
 5 I would like to help you, but I'm afraid I
 6 I don't usually go to work by car, but I yesterday.
 7 A: Have you ever been to the United States?
 B: No, but Sandra She went there on holiday last year.
 8 'Do you and Chris watch TV a lot?' 'I , but Chris doesn't.'
 9 I've been invited to Sam's wedding, but Kate
 10 'Do you think Sarah will pass her driving test?' 'Yes, I'm sure she'
 11 'Are you going out tonight?' 'I I don't know for sure.'

40.6 Answer these questions about yourself. Use Yes, I have. / No, I'm not. etc.

- 1 Are you American? No, I'm not.
 2 Have you got a car?
 3 Do you feel OK?
 4 Is it snowing?
 5 Are you hungry?
 6 Do you like classical music?
 7 Will you be in Paris tomorrow?
 8 Have you ever broken your arm?
 9 Did you buy anything yesterday?
 10 Were you asleep at 3 a.m.?