

## STARTER UNIT 2

### contractions

#### speakout WRITING TIP

We use contractions (*I'm, you're, he's, she's* etc.) in spoken English and in informal written texts such as emails and text messages.

*I am from Spain. = I'm from Spain.*

*She is married. = She's married.*

*We are not German. = We aren't German.*

*He is my brother. = He's my brother.*

### 1 Rewrite the sentences with contractions.

1 I am from Poland.

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2 They are here.

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3 Maria is not from Italy.

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4 Delia and Paul are not American.

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5 I am not married

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6 We are students.

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7 It is Monday today.

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8 I am tired.


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### 2 Rewrite the text messages with contractions.

1  Hi, Cathy! I am at the cinema, but you are not here and Sam is not here. Where are you and what is Sam's phone number?


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2  Hi, Luisa. What is your email address? I am at the library now. I am bored. Christina

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3  Hi, Jane. Where are you? I am at the café now. My sister is here too. We are hungry and thirsty! Amy

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### 3 Complete the text with the correct short form of *be*.



Hi, my name <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Fernanda.

I <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 27 years old. I <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Brazilian and I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ an engineer in Brasilia.

It <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the capital of Brazil.

Gabriela <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my best friend from university. She <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 27 too. She

<sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a teacher. She <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a very happy person.

Joao <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ my brother. He <sup>11</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

30. He <sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a restaurant manager in Sao Paulo. He <sup>13</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ very friendly.

We <sup>14</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ all in an English class together.

### 4 Write about some of the people in your family or in the photo. Use contractions for *be*. Write 50–70 words.

