



Aren't I? or Am I not?

Aren't I is an accepted phrase for "**am I not**" even though when the conjunction is broken down it appears to be short for "are not I," which doesn't agree with standard rules of grammar.

For the first person pronoun, I, there is no contraction with the verb be + not. ("Amn't" is not a word in English.) Therefore, in casual speech and writing, English speakers use aren't, instead, and except in formal situations, this is considered entirely grammatical.

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spoken and informal written language	only in a fairly formal context
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"Aren't I?" is commonly used and very acceptable in informal language. "Am I not?" is grammatical, but extremely formal, so in most contexts, "aren't I?" is the preferred choice.

The only exception is when you are writing a formal letter or an academic paper, and then you can either use "am I not?," or even better, restructure the sentence to avoid using either of these forms.

Pronunciation :

In British English "Aren't" and "Aunt" are homophones (they are pronounced the same way).