

Aren't I? or Am I not?



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Aren't I?

Am I not?

spoken and informal
written language

only in a fairly
formal context

- I'm getting better at this, aren't I?
- I'm your husband, aren't I?
- I am new here, aren't I?

- I'm getting better at this, am I not?
- I'm your husband, am I not?
- I am new here, am I not?

“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).