

# Core Verbs: "A Fi" (To Be) and "A Avea" (To Have)

Understanding these two verbs is the foundation for almost every conversation.

## A Avea (To Have)

Positive	Negative (Short Form)
Eu am (I have)	n-am (I don't have)
Tu ai (You have)	n-ai
El/Ea are (He/She has)	n-are
Noi avem (We have)	n-avem
Voi aveți (You all have)	n-aveți
Ei/Ele au (They have)	n-au

## A Fi (To Be) - Negative Contractions

In spoken Romanian, negative forms are often shortened:

- **nu sunt** becomes **nu-s**.
- **nu este** becomes **nu e** or **nu-i**.

## Social Basics: Greetings and Politeness

- **How are you?:** *Ce mai faci?*. You can respond with *Excelent!*, *Așa și așa!* (so-so), or *Groznic!* (awful).
- **Polite "You":** Use **Dumneavoastră** when speaking to elders or in formal settings.
- **The "Ba da" Rule:** If someone asks you a **negative** question (e.g., "Aren't you from Poland?"), you must use **Ba da** to say "Yes, I actually am".
- **Gratitude:** After saying *Mulțumesc!* (Thank you), common replies include *Cu plăcere!* (With pleasure) or *Pentru puțin!* (No problem).

## Personal Details and Identity

These questions help you introduce yourself or learn about others:

- **Name:** *Cum vă numiți?* (What is your name? - formal) or *Cum te cheamă?* (informal).
- **Origin:** *De unde ești?* (Where are you from?).
- **Occupation:** *Ce ești?* (What are you? - e.g., *Sunt student*).
- **Current State:** *Ești deja acasă?* (Are you home already?).
  - **deja** = already.
  - **încă** = still/yet.

# Time, Days, and Limits

## Days of the Week

- **Azi** (Today), **Mâine** (Tomorrow), **Poimâine** (Day after tomorrow).
- **Ieri** (Yesterday), **Alaltăieri** (Day before yesterday).

## Time Limits

To describe a duration, use:

- **de la... până la...** (from... until...).
  - Example: *de la 9.00 până la 12.00*.

## Useful Expressions and Grammar

- **Needs and Desires:**
  - *Am nevoie de...* (I need...).
  - *Am chef de...* (I feel like/crave...).
- **Frequency:**
  - **mereu / tot timpul** (always).
  - **niciodată** (never).
- **Asking "Why?":**
  - **De ce?** (Why?) → **Pentru că...** (Because...).
- **Agreement:**
  - *Ai dreptate!* (You are right!).
  - *Așa este.* (That is so / It is true.).