

Contractions

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As the word expresses itself, Contraction means to squeeze something to make it small or short. Contraction is - in which two words joined together and made shorter by placing an apostrophe where the letters have been omitted.

Example: I am can also be written as I'm. Here 'a' is omitted and in place of that an apostrophe is used.

Few more examples are as under:

• Using the word not: Contractions made as under by adding the word not to some other word.

Words + not		
Word + not	Meaning	Contraction
is + not	ls not	lsn't
are + not	are not	aren't
was + not	was not	wasn't
were + not	were not	weren't
have + not	have not	haven't
has + not	has not	hasn't
had + not	had not	hadn't
do + not	do not	don't
does + not	does not	doesn't
did + not	did not	didn't
shall + not	shall not	shan't
should + not	should not	shouldn't
will + not	will not	won't
would + not	would not	wouldn't
must + not	must not	mustn't

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can + not	cannot	can't
could + not	could not	couldn't
may + not	may not	mayn't
might + not	might not	mightn't
ought + not	ought not	oughtn't (to)
need + not	need not	needn't
dare + not	dare not	daren't

• **Using the word is:** Contractions made as under by adding the word **is** to some other word.

Words + is		
Word + is	Meaning	Contraction
he + is	he is	he's
she + is	she is	she's
it + is	it is	it's
here + is	here is	here's
that + is	that is	that's
what + is	what is	what's
who + is	who is	who's
where + is	where is	where's
how + is	how is	how's
everyone + is	everyone is	everyone's
there + is	there is	there's
let + us	let us	let's

• Using the word are: Contractions made as under by adding the word are to some other word.

Words + are

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		who're
what + are	what are	what're
they + are	they are	they're
you + are	you are	you're
we + are	we are	we're

• Using the word have: Contractions made as under by adding the word have to some other word.

Words + have		
I + have	l have	l've
we + have	we have	we've
you + have	you have	you've
they + have	they have	they've
what + have	what have	what've
who + have	who have	who've

Using the words had/ should/ would: Contractions made as under by adding the word had/ should/ would to some other word.

Words + had/ should/ would		
I + had / should / would	I had / I should / I would	l′d
we + had / should / would	we had / we should / we would	we'd
you + had / should / would	you had / you should / you would	you'd
he + had / should / would	he had / he should / he would	he'd
she + had / should / would	she has / she should /she would	she'd
they + had / should / would	they had / they should / they would	they'd
who + had / should / would	who had/ who should/ who would	who'd

Using the words shall/ will: Contractions made as under by adding the word shall/will to some other word.

Words + shall/ will		
I + shall/ will	l shall/ l will	1/11
we + shall/ will	we shall/ we will	we'll
you + shall/ will	you shall/ you will	you'll
he + shall/will	he shall/ he will	he'll
she + shall/ will	she shall/ she will	she'll
it + shall/ will	it shall/ it will	it'll
they + shall/ will	they shall/ they will	they'll
who + shall/ will	who shall/ who will	who'll

Now few for your practice: Download the given sheet, cut and paste the correct contraction words given in the boxes to complete the set.

