

Parent Guide

How can I use this with my children?

These activities allow your child to practise spotting and using contractions. They include identifying the missing apostrophes, the words that form a contraction and different contracted forms of words.

How does this help my children's learning?

Being able to identify contractions and the words that form them, as well as how to use apostrophes, is an important skill for your child to learn, helping them to change the tone of their writing.

Ideas for further learning:

When your child has become confident with forming contractions, using apostrophes to represent the missing letters, they will need to start practising using them in sentences of their own.





Contraction Chipmunks

The contraction chipmunks have left the burrow to find food but they have forgotten which items they have to collect. Help the contraction chipmunks find their way to the correct food item by matching the word on each chipmunk to the expanded form on the food.

Draw a line to match the chipmunk to the food item. One has been done for you.



he'd

I will



can't

should not



I'll

he would



shouldn't

cannot



haven't

they have



they've

she would



she'd

have not



Chris Contraction

Chris Contraction has been set some homework by his teacher. However, he is finding the work a little tricky. Can you help him complete the following questions by writing the correct answer in the space provided?

Write the contraction:

I will _____
they have _____
he is _____
you are _____
do not _____

would have _____
does not _____
it is _____
we are _____

Write the expanded form:

don't _____
what's _____
we're _____
can't _____

he's _____
where's _____
you'll _____
I'd _____



Detective Daisy

Detective Daisy is looking for words that can be contracted in the following sentences. Can you help her find them by writing each sentence out again with the contracted word form?

For example:

Expanded form: In the morning, **they will** be going on holiday.

Contracted form: In the morning, **they'll** be going on holiday.

1. Later, we are going to the park.

2. Lucy was amazed! She had never been to such a fantastic place.

3. I have always wanted a pet dog.

4. Where is the party tomorrow afternoon?

5. John is very friendly and he is funny too.

6. It is very late so we will finish the game tomorrow.

7. In the cave, there is a mighty dragon.

Missing Apostrophe

Below are some sentences with contracted words. However, all the apostrophes are missing! Can you add the apostrophe to each contracted word so that the sentences make sense?

1. Whats inside the box?

2. She wont be able to climb the mountain because its too big.

3. Were going to be late if we dont hurry.

4. The tiger is very big aand shes very dangerous!

5. When youve taken your medicine, youll feel better.

6. Sarah was nervous because she hadnt been on an aeroplane before.

7. My parents are very caring and theyre kind.

8. Hes going outside because its hot inside.

9. Lets play football today.

10. I wont stay up too late becasue its a school night.

Common Contraction Words

This list of common contracted words and their expanded forms can help when you're practising how to spell contractions.

shouldn't	-	should not	isn't	-	is not
aren't	-	are not	wasn't	-	was not
wouldn't	-	would not	weren't	-	were not
couldn't	-	could not	hasn't	-	has not
doesn't	-	does not	hadn't	-	had not
haven't	-	have not	don't	-	do not
they're	-	they are	mustn't	-	must not
they'll	-	they all	who's	-	who is
they've	-	they have	what's	-	what is
that's	-	that is	where's	-	where is
can't	-	can not	won't	-	will not
we're	-	we are	she's	-	she is
we've	-	we have	he's	-	he is
we'll	-	we will	you'll	-	you will
I'll	-	I will	you're	-	you are
I've	-	I have	who'll	-	who will
it's	-	it is	didn't	-	did not

Answers

Contraction Chipmunks

he'd	-	he would
can't	-	cannot
I'll	-	I will
shouldn't	-	should not
haven't	-	have not
they've	-	they have
she'd	-	she would

Chris Contraction

Write the expanded form

I will	-	I'll
they have	-	they've
he is	-	he's
you are	-	you're
do not	-	don't
would have	-	would've
does not	-	doesn't
it is	-	it's
we are	-	we're

Write the contraction

don't	-	do not
what's	-	what is/what has
we're	-	we are
can't	-	cannot
he's	-	he is/he has
where's	-	where is/where has
you'll	-	you will
I'd	-	I had

Contraction Detective

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Missing Apostrophe

1. what's
2. won't/it's
3. we're/don't
4. she's
5. you've/you'll
6. hadn't
7. they're
8. he's/it's
9. let's
10. won't

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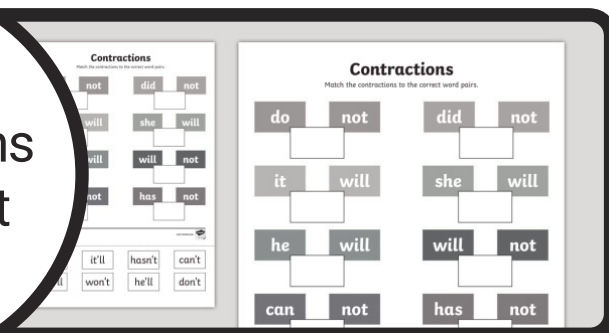
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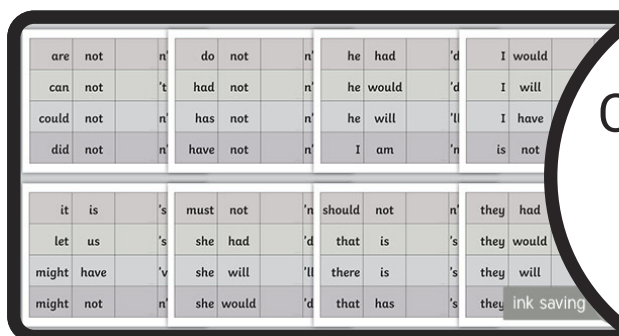
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