



Contractions









Two words	One word
he is	he’s
she is	she’s
I am	I’m
they are	they’re
we are	we’re



REMEMBER

- We use an apostrophe (’) to show that one letter is missing in a word.
- It helps us to join two words and make them into one short word. Such short forms are called contraction.



Two words	One word
you will	you'll
we will	we'll
they will	they'll
you have	you've
we have	we've
they have	they've





Points to Remember



- We do not use more than one contraction together.

- We do not use affirmative contractions in a reply that only has a subject and a verb.
  Example: Are we going?
  Yes, we are. NOT *Yes, we're*.

- We can use negative contractions in a reply that only has a subject and a verb.
  Example: This isn't true, is it?
  No, it isn't.

- In question tags, 'am not' is contracted to 'aren't'.



Try Yourself





Which is the correct short form? a or b?

1. would not	a. wouldn’t	b. woudn’t
2. could not	a. couldnt	b. couldn’t
3. should not	a. shouldn’t	b. shoud’nt
4. must not	a. mustn’t	b. musn’t
5. do not	a. don’t	b. do’nt