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Informal contractions are short forms of other words that people use when speaking casually. They are not exactly slang, but they are a little like slang. For example, “gonna” is a short form of “going to“. If you say going to very fast, without carefully pronouncing each word, it can sound like gonna.





# Informal Contractions

**gotta**  
got to

**gonna**  
going to

**needa**  
need to

**wanna**  
want to

**hafta**  
have to

**hasta**  
has to

**oughta**  
ought to

**gimme**  
give me

**lemme**  
let me

**kinda**  
kind of

**outta**  
out of

**cuppa**  
cup of

**tellem**  
tell them

**dunno**  
don't know

**sorta**  
short of

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# List of common informal contractions in English

1. Ain't = Am not/are not/is not

E.g. I ain't sure.

2. Ain't = Has not/have not

E.g. He ain't finished yet.

3. Wanna = Want to

E.g. I wanna go home.

4. Wanna = Want a

E.g. I wanna coffee.

5. Whatcha = What have you

E.g. Whatcha got there?

6. Kinda = Kind of

E.g. She's kinda cute.



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## 7. Sorta = Sort of

E.g. I'm sorta tired

## 8. Outta = Out of

E.g. I'm outta money.

## SOME MORE EXAMPLES:

- *Give me – gimme* – Gimme five minutes.
- *Let me – lemme* – Lemme see it!
- *Tell them – Tellem* – Tellem I'll be there soon.
- *Don't know – dunno* – I dunno what time it is.
- *Got a – gotta* – I gotta new job.
- *Come on – c'mon* – C'mon! We don't want to be late!
- *Some more – s' more* – Can I have s' more water?
- *Should have – shoulda* – I shoulda called yesterday.
- *Could have – coulda* – She coulda been here by 1:00.
- *Would have – woulda* – He woulda arrived earlier, but the train was late.
- *Might have – mighta* – You mighta left the bag at the airport.
- *Must have – musta* – You musta been in a hurry.
- *Couldn't have – couldna* -I couldna called because my phone was broken.
- *Shouldn't have – shouldna* – She shouldna told you that.

- *Don't you – dontcha – Dontcha like the movie?*
- *Didn't you – didntcha – Didntcha like the movie?*
- *Won't you – wontcha – Wontcha drive the car?*
- *What are you – whatcha or watcha – Whatcha doing?*
- *Got you – gotcha – I gotcha!*
- *Bet you – betcha – Betcha can't guess the answer!*
- *KInd of – kinda – I kinda like her.*
- *Out of – outta – The printer is outta paper.*
- *Cup of – cuppa – I need a cuppa coffee.*
- *Sort of – sorta – I sorta need that book.*
- *A lot of – a lotta – I have a lotta homework tonight.*
- *Got to – gotta – I gotta buy a new car.*
- *Going to – gonna – She is gonna be there today.*
- *Need to – needa – I needa go shopping soon.*
- *Want to – wanna – I wanna blue car.*
- *Have to – hafta – I hafta save some money.*
- *Has to – hasta – Tim hasta work today.*
- *Ought to – oughta – She oughta work two jobs.*

