



Apostrophe & Contractions

Apostrophe

- when we want to show that something is owned by someone or belongs to someone, we use 's.
- apostrophes are usually not used with non living things.

Examples

1. Leesa's room is always clean.
2. My brother's t-shirt is wet.
3. The parrot's beak is red in colour.
4. Today is Anu's birthday.
5. It is Madhu's book.

Examples

6. Gopu is my brother's friend.

7. This is Ben's toy.

8. These are Geetha's painting.

9. This is Vicky's bag.

10. Veera's dresses were dirty.

Apostrophe

– when we join two words, we use ‘s called **contractions**.
(contractions is a short end form of a word that omits certain letters or sounds)

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Contractions

I am



I'm

ENGLISH 101

I'm 24 years old

You are



You're

You're such a sweetheart!

He is



He's

He's so handsome

She is



She's

She's very beautiful.

Contractions

They are → They're

ENGLISH MASTERS

They're such cute kittens

We are → We're

We're going to China next month.

That is → That's

That's awesome

There is → There's

There's the hotel we were looking for.

Contractions

What is



What's

ENGLISH MASTER

What's the matter?

Where is



Where's

Where's my car?

Who is



Who's

Who's there?

Who are



Who're

Who're the people at the next table?

Contractions

Are not



Aren't

ENGLISH MASTER

They aren't coming next week.

Is not



Isn't

She isn't listening to you.

Were not



Weren't

They weren't invited to the party.

Was not



Wasn't

I wasn't joking when I said that.

Contractions

Does not → Doesn't

ENGLISH

He doesn't play tennis

Do not → Don't

I don't like cheese

Need not → Needn't

You needn't worry about that.

Did not → Didn't

I didn't know that

Contractions

Can not → Can't

ENGLISH

I can't understand you.

Could not → Couldn't

He couldn't get his shoes on!

Will not → Won't

I won't be able to attend the conference

Would not → Wouldn't

I wouldn't ask her.

Contractions

Has not



Hasn't

ENGLISH MASTER

She hasn't finished her homework yet.

Have not



Haven't

I haven't finished my homework.

Had not



Hadn't

I hadn't thought of that!

Might not



Mightn't

I almost wondered if he mightn't be right.

Contractions

Must not → **Mustn't**

ENGLISH MASTERS

You mustn't worry too much about this.

Should not → **Shouldn't**

You shouldn't do things like that.

I will → **I'll**

I'll be on vacation next week.

You will → **You'll**

I think you'll pass the exam.

Contractions

He will → He'll

ENGLISH JAZZ

I'm sure he'll help you if he can.

She will → She'll

She'll be there tomorrow, I'm sure.

They will → They'll

I hope they'll come to my party.

I would → I'd

I'd like a cup of coffee.

Contractions

You would → You'd

ENGLISH MASTERS

I was afraid you'd ask me that

He would → He'd

He'd like to go to the cinema tonight.

She would → She'd

She'd be a great managing director.
don't you think?

They would → They'd

They'd love to see the film.

Contractions

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We would → We'd

We'd be grateful for an answer.

I have → I've

I've been waiting an hour already.

You have → You've

You've got to start working harder.

They have → They've

They've got paint all over the carpet.

Contractions

We have → We've

ENGLISH MASTER

It's been over a year since we've done that.

Who have → Who've

Who've you asked so far?

He has → He's

He 's worked here for 5 years.

She has → She's

She's been to Japan twice.

Contractions

ENGLISH MASTERS

There has → **There's**

There's been entirely too much said on the subject.

That has → **That's**

That's got to be the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen.

What has → **What's**

They want a list of what's been stolen.

Who has → **Who's**

Who's been chosen. do you know?

Contractions

ENGLISH MASTERY

I had



I'd

I'd just got in the bath when the phone rang.

You had



You'd

It happened just after you'd left the room.

He had



He'd

He'd been alone for a long time

She had



She'd

She'd already left.

Contractions

They had → They'd

ENGLISH MASTERS

They'd better be here on time.

We had → We'd

We'd better be more careful in the future.

Who had → Who'd

She wondered who'd sent her the mysterious email.

Let us → Let's

Let's go out to dinner.

Write the contractions for each set of words



2 Words



Contraction



1	they are	=	
2	can not	=	
3	I am	=	
4	it is	=	
5	do not	=	
6	I have	=	
7	she will	=	
8	is not	=	
9	would not	=	
10	were not	=	
11	we will	=	
12	will not	=	

Match the Contractions

is not	I'm 
are not	he's
do not	they're
can not	isn't
I am	don't
she is	aren't
he is	can't
they are	she's

Write the contractions for each set of words

1. did not	_____
2. could not	_____
3. I have	_____
4. she is	_____
5. we have	_____
6. he is	_____
7. we have	_____
8. she will	_____
9. I am	_____
10. he is	_____

Write the word that each contractions stands for

1. didn't	_____
2. she'll	_____
3. haven't	_____
4. I'm	_____
5. you're	_____
6. can't	_____
7. they'll	_____
8. he'll	_____
9. he's	_____
10. I'd	_____

Write the correct abbreviation for the underlined words

1. She is at the park.

2. Where is the ball?

3. There is the book.

4. He is not at school.

5. How is your food?

6. It is snowing!

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it's	he's	where's
she's	how's	there's

Fill the contraction in each blanks

1. _____ going outside. (He is)
2. _____ finished eating. (They have)
3. He _____ sing. (can not)
4. _____ go swimming. (Let us)
5. You _____ do that. (should not)
6. They _____ coming. (are not)
7. _____ leaving soon. (They are)
8. _____ a sunny day. (It is)
9. She _____ look too happy. (did not)
10. _____ better go now. (I had)
11. I _____ stay late. (will not)
12. _____ have fun at the show. (We will)