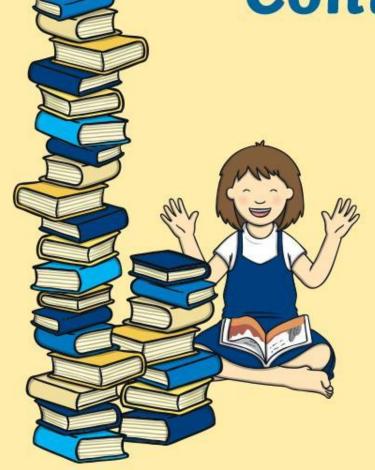
Shortened Words Contractions





Shortened Words

Sometimes, we join two words together to make them shorter.

We call these contractions.

In today's lesson, we will learn some rules for using contractions correctly.



I am

If 'I' is one of the words in the contraction, the 'I' must be a capital letter.

When shortening 'am' with 'I', remove the 'a' and replace it with an apostrophe.

I am

I'm



Are

If 'are' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'a' and replace it with an apostrophe.

we are

you are

they are

we're

you're

they're



Is

If 'is' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'i' and replace it with an apostrophe.

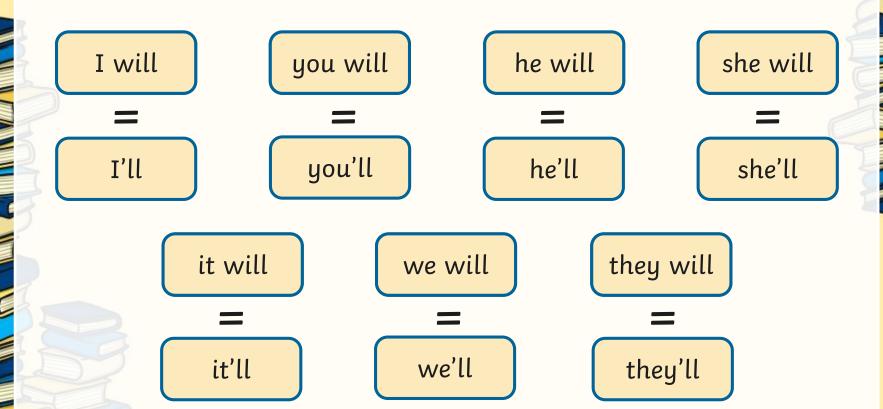
he is she is it is that is

he's she's it's that's



Will

If 'is' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'i' and replace it with an apostrophe.





Has

If 'has' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

she has

he has

it has

that has

he's

she's

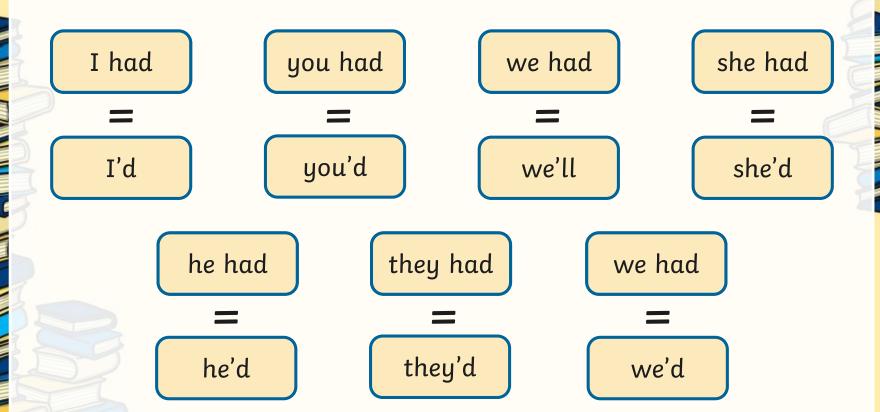
it's

that's



Had

If 'had' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.





Have

If 'have' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

I have you have we have they have

= = = = =

I've you've we've they've



Not

If 'not' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'o' and replace it with an apostrophe.

could not does not had not do not couldn't don't doesn't hadn't would not should not have not is not haven't isn't shouldn't wouldn't

But watch out! can not = can't (remove one n) will not = won't

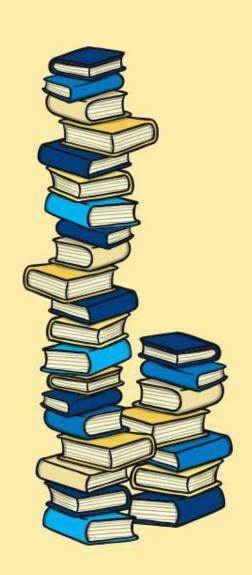


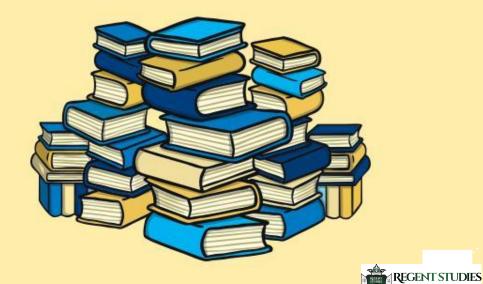
Rewrite the passage by using contractions.

Click for the answer

I am going shopping today. My friend Lucy will be coming too. She is a lovely girl. She will get the bus there but I will travel by train. We are planning to get lunch in town. I will bring an umbrella because it is likely to rain. We will be meeting my sister and her friends this afternoon because they are shopping too. My mum can not collect us so we will travel on the bus home. We will have to be home at seven o'clock this evening and we will not be late.







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