



Apostrophes for  
**Contractions**

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## Animations

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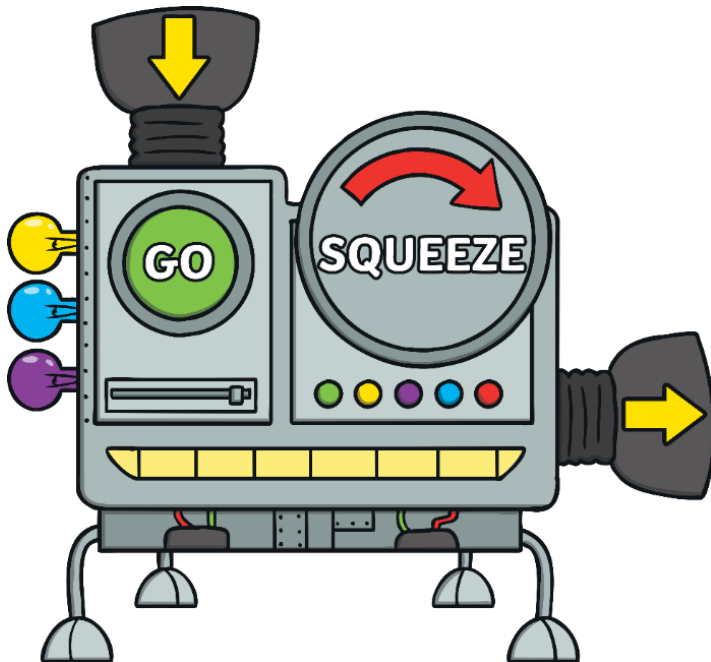
This is the Squeeze-O-Matic 100. It squeezes two words together and takes out a letter (or letters) to make one shorter word. Here are the words that go into the Squeeze-O-Matic. Can you write down the words that should come out?

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he had

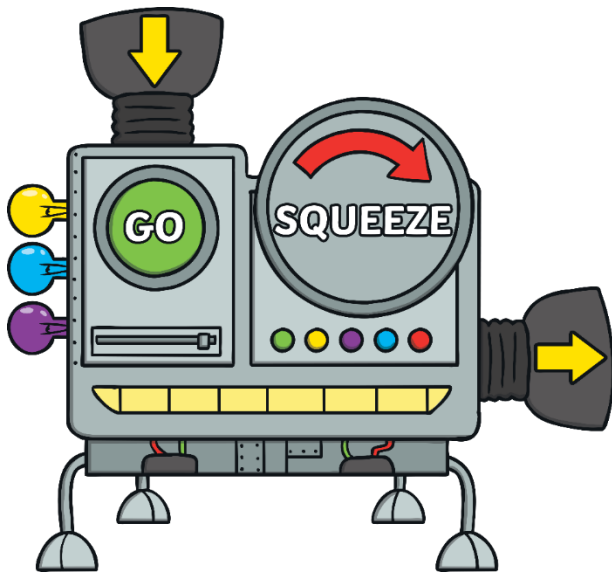
she will

I have



Can you write a sentence using each of the words that have come out of the Squeeze-O-Matic?

Oh no! The Squeeze-O-Matic 100 just broke! The words are going in the wrong way. Can you help fix the machine by writing the two correct words for each of the short, squeezed words?



Show answers

doesn't

they're

you're

we've

Can you write a sentence using each of the words that have come out of the Squeeze-O-Matic?

These children are talking very fast and squeezing together some of their words. Can you change the words that have apostrophes in them so that they are saying two words rather than one?

I **will not** ride a skateboard. I **am** scared of falling off.



**Do not** worry, **it** is easy. I **will** show you how.



Do you think **we will** be taller next year?



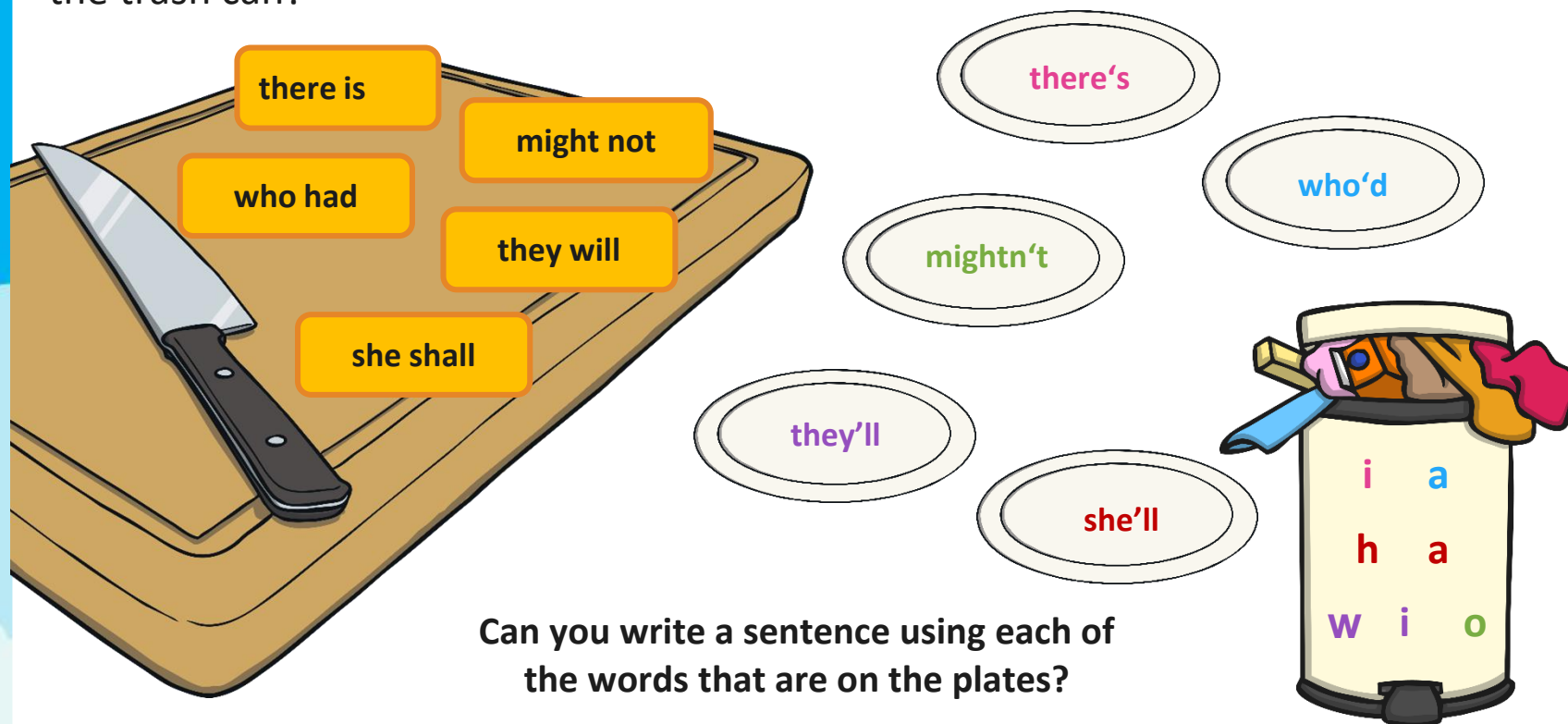
Yes, **we are** growing all the time!



Show answers

Can you write down your own conversation between two children using contractions with an apostrophe to show missing letters?

These words are being chopped up on the chopping board to remove the letters that are not needed. The letters that are replaced with apostrophes go into the trash can. Can you work out what the finished words will be and which letters go in the trash can?



Can you write a sentence using each of the words that are on the plates?

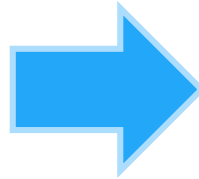
Can you complete this sentence using letters that have been put in the bin?

The dog is smelly becaause he doesn't li ke to wa sh.

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Can you rewrite the sentences so that each one includes an apostrophe to show missing letters in a contracted word? The first one has been done for you.

Ella did not like what her dad had packed for her lunch.



Ella **didn't** like what her dad had packed for her lunch.

My little sister had not ever been to the beach before.

My little sister **hadn't** ever been to the beach before.

Let us wear our new clothes to the party.

**Let's** wear our new clothes to the party.

You must not cross the road until the green light is showing.

You **mustn't** cross the road until the green light is showing.

We would love to come to your house for dinner.

**We'd** love to come to your house for dinner.

She is the smartest girl in the class.

**She's** the smartest girl in the class.

We should not be unkind to other children in the playground.

We **shouldn't** be unkind to other children in the playground.

They had worked hard all day, so they deserved a rest.

**They'd** worked hard all day, so they deserved a rest.



Show answers

Split into two teams. Take turns deciding which word uses an apostrophe to show missing letters correctly. If a team choose correctly, they get a point. If they choose incorrectly, the other team gets a point.

## Which is correct?

wheres'

where's

shoul'dnt

shouldn't

won't

wo'nt

I'd

Id'

he'l

he'll

couldn't

could'nt

Can you use each of the **correct** words in a sentence?



Can you write what you think each of these people are saying using a contraction with an apostrophe to show missing letters?



**Who'll** make cards with me?



**You're** definitely getting better at that song!

**Aren't** we singing beautifully, Mr. Smith?

**I've** already eaten all my lunch, now **I'm** eating my fruit.



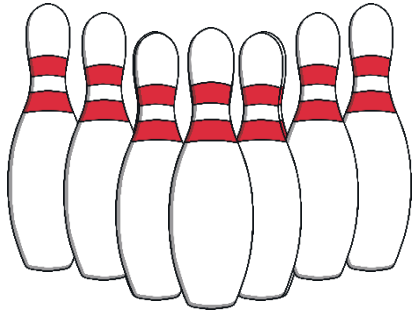
**It's** hot dogs for lunch today. **That's** why Thursday is my favorite day of the week!

What neat handwriting **you've** got.



Show example answers

Let's play "Ten Strikes and You're Out!" Click on the letters that you think are missing to try to make the contracted word in the sentence. Every time you guess a letter incorrectly, press the "Uh-oh" button to make a pin disappear! Can you guess all of the missing letters before you strike out?

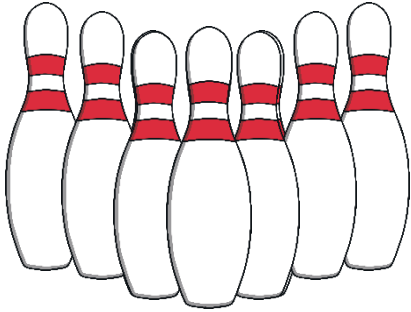


You need to hurry up, I haven't got all day!

Uh-Oh!

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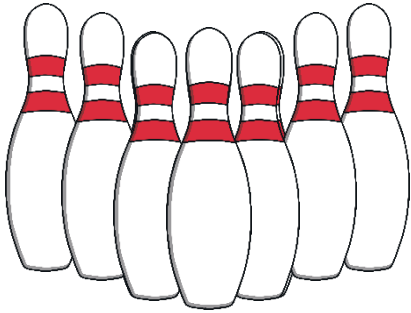


Today it's raining cats and dogs.

Uh-Oh!

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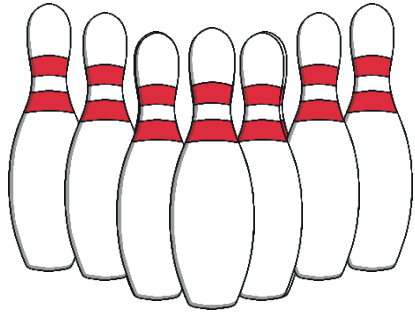


I wanted to do P.E. but I couldn't find my P.E. uniform.

Uh-Oh!

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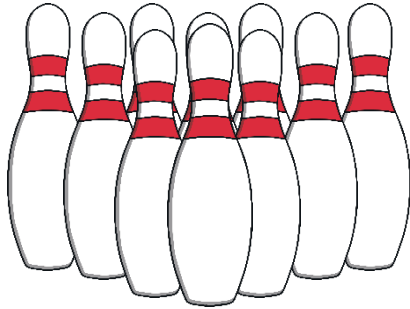


I think you'd make a great scientist.

Uh-Oh!

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~~j~~ ~~k~~ ~~l~~ ~~m~~ ~~n~~ o ~~p~~ ~~q~~ ~~r~~  
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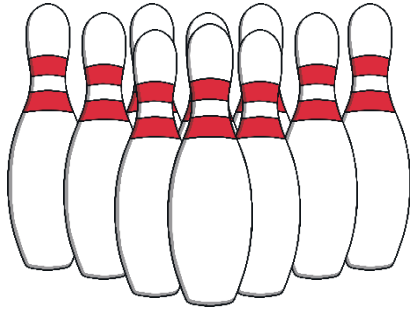


This show is unbelievable! I wonder what ll happen next.

Uh-Oh!

a   ~~b~~   ~~c~~   ~~d~~   ~~e~~   ~~f~~   ~~g~~   h   ~~i~~  
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We did a race to find out who's the fastest runner in the class.

Uh-Oh!

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Split into two teams. Take turns clicking on **two** cards. If you find a pair of cards that go together, then your team gets a point. The team with the most points wins! If they don't match, click on the cards to turn them back over.

