

Worksheet (2.5)

Apostrophes- Contractions

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When we are speaking or writing, we often join two words together to make a shorter word. We make the word shorter by leaving out one or more letters from the original words.

When we write the shorter word down, we use an apostrophe (') in place of the missing letters.

Example: that is becomes that's (the letter i has been left out)



When we join two words together to make a new word, the shorter word is called a contraction.

Q1. Match the following contractions with the right words:

does not	shouldn't
you are	I've
I have	doesn't
will not	you're
should not	won't

Q2. Use an apostrophe to combine the words and write the contracted form.

We will _____

They are _____

it has/ it is _____

he has /he is _____

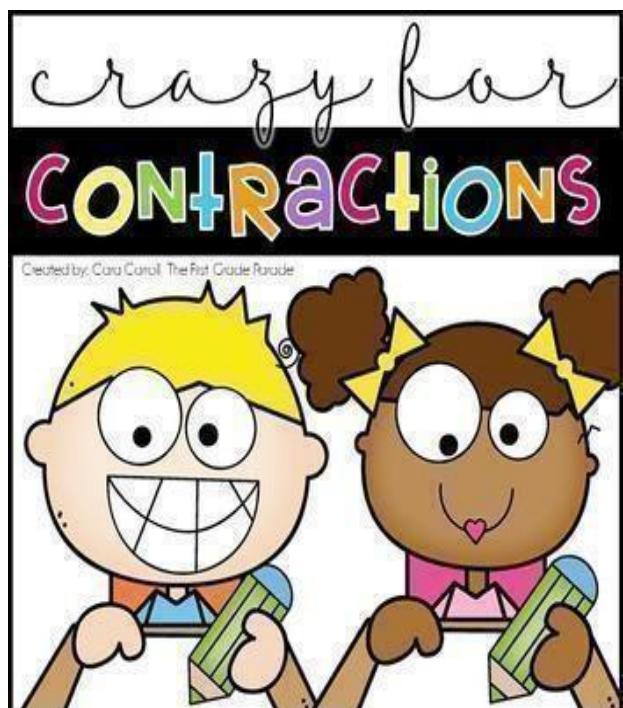
she had/ she would _____

we are _____

she will _____

they would _____

can not _____



Q3. Fill in the blanks with the contracted form of the two words in brackets.

1. _____ finished eating. (They have)
2. He _____ sing. (can not)
3. _____ go swimming. (Let us)
4. You _____ do that. (should not)
5. They _____ coming. (are not)
6. _____ a sunny day. (It is)
7. She _____ look too happy. (did not)
8. _____ to take care of her baby. (I had)
9. _____ have fun at the show. (we will)

Q4. Circle the contraction and write the two words that created it on the line.

- 1) He'd gone to work early. _____
- 2) I can't wait to see all of my family! _____
- 3) They're going to come to our house. _____
- 4) We've got to prepare for his arrival. _____
- 5) I don't know what to do first. _____
- 6) Mom's already busy with the cooking. _____

Q5. Read the paragraph and find the contraction and the punctuation mistakes. Rewrite the paragraph correctly on the lines below.

In the book the lives of arctic animals, I read that Arctic animals dont get cold. It isnt' just a book about animals. I also learned that the sun does'nt come out in the winter at the North Pole. Did you know that there ar'ent any trees in the Arctic?
