

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 _____

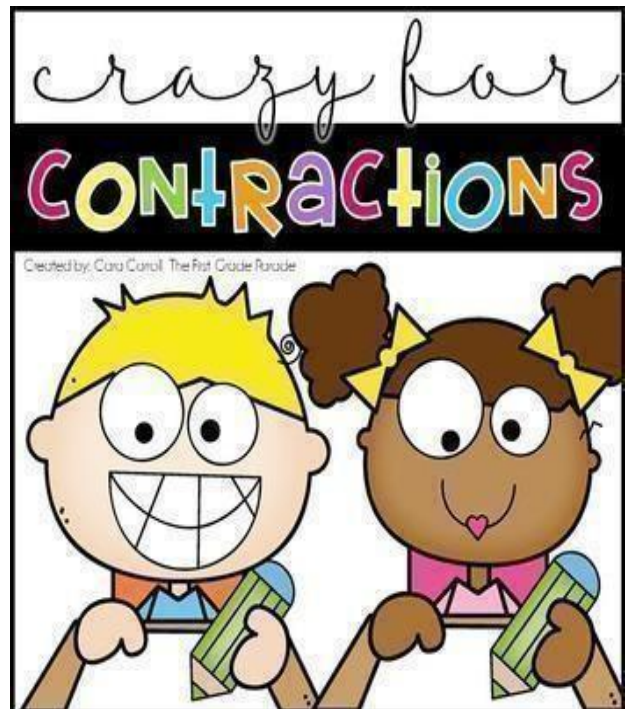
she had/ she would _____

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 doesn't come out in the winter at the North Pole. Did you know that there ar'ent any trees in the Arctic?
