

Worksheet (2.5)

Apostrophes- Contractions

Date: _____

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:

1	does not	shouldn't	5
2	you are	I've	3
3	I have	doesn't	1
4	will not	you're	2
5	should not	won't	4

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

We will **we'll**

They are **they're**

it has/ it is **it's**

he has /he is **he's**

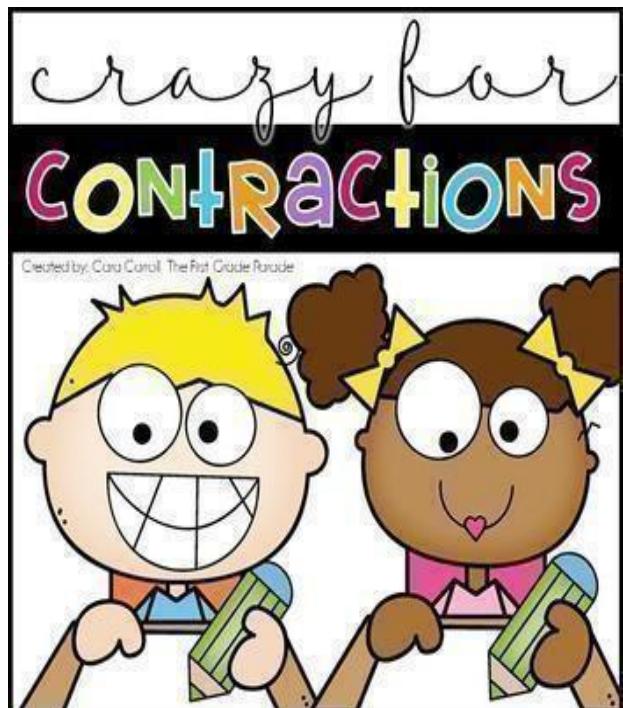
she had/ she would **she'd**

we are **we're**

she will **she'll**

they would **they'd**

can not **can't**



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

1. **They've** finished eating. (They have)

2. He **can't** sing. (can not)

3. **Let's** go swimming. (Let us)

4. You **shouldn't** do that. (should not)

5. They **aren't** coming. (are not)

6. **It's** a sunny day. (It is)

7. She **didn't** look too happy. (did not)

8. **I'd** to take care of her baby. (I had)

9. **We'll** 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. **He had**
- 2) I can't wait to see all of my family! **can not**
- 3) They're going to come to our house. **They are**
- 4) We've got to prepare for his arrival. **We have**
- 5) I don't know what to do first. **do not**
- 6) Mom's already busy with the cooking. **Mom is**

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

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