



Contractions



If something contracts it gets smaller.
Contractions are words that have been made smaller by missing out letters.
 An apostrophe like this ' goes in place of the missing letter or letters.

I am looking for my gloves.

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I am	=	I'm	a	is missed out
you are	=	you're	a	is missed out
he is	=	he's	i	is missed out
she is	=	she's	i	is missed out
it is	=	it's	i	is missed out
we are	=	we're	a	is missed out
they are	=	they're	a	is missed out

GRAMMAR Focus



Copy these two lists into your book.
 Draw lines to join each word in the first box with the correct **contraction** in the other box.

we are
 you are
 he is
 it is
 they are
 she is

he's
 they're
 she's
 we're
 it's
 you're

Practice

A Write out the words from which these **contractions** are made.

- 1 she'll 2 they're 3 we're
4 it's 5 you're 6 I'm



B Copy the sentences below. Make the coloured words into **contractions** by missing out a letter and using an apostrophe.

- 1 I am not happy about this.
2 If she is late she will miss the bus.
3 They are going to meet the train.
4 When you are at the shops you can buy a newspaper.
5 It is colder than it was yesterday.

Extension

Match the words with **contractions** from the box. Write the contractions in your book.



Put the apostrophe in the space, not above a letter.

- 1 I will
- 2 we are
- 3 can not
- 4 I have
- 5 she had
- 6 do not
- 7 would not
- 8 it will
- 9 did not
- 10 who is

I've	didn't	it'll
she'd	I'll	
who's	wouldn't	
can't	don't	we're