

Contractions

What is a contraction?

A contraction is a way to make two words into one word.

Some letters will be left out, but an apostrophe will replace them.

Examples: have + not = haven't; we + have = we've

1. Use the following words to answer the questions below.

aren't	haven't	can't	we've	weren't	you've	hasn't
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we + have = **we've**
are + not = **aren't**
has + not = **hasn't**
can + not = **can't**

have + not = **haven't**
you + have = **you've**
were + not = **weren't**

2. Rewrite the sentences below using contractions from the box.

a) They have not been on the computer.

They haven't been on the computer.

b) We were not ready for the train ride!

We weren't ready for the train ride!

c) Most students are not here.

Most students aren't here.

3. Write the words that each contraction stands for.

a) don't **do not**

g) can't **can not**

b) won't **will not**

h) we'll **we will**

c) haven't **have not**

i) he's **he is**

d) isn't **is not**

j) she'll **she will**

e) I'm **I am**

k) you're **you are**

f) I'd **I had**

l) you'll **you will**

4. Write the correct contraction for each set of words.

a) did not **didn't**

b) they would **they'd**

c) were not **weren't**

d) had not **hadn't**

e) I have **I've**

f) he will **he'll**

g) they will **they'll**

h) he would **he'll**

i) has not **hasn't**

j) she is **she's**

k) we have **we've**

l) they had **they'd**