

Year 2 Punctuation

Apostrophes for Contractions

Learning From Home Activity Booklet

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Apostrophe Ants

Match the correct contracted form with the expanded form.

Oh no! The apostrophe ants have left the ant hill to find food but they have forgotten which items they have to collect. Help the apostrophe ants find their way to the correct food item by matching the words on the ants to the expanded form on the food.

Draw a line to match the ant to the food item. One has been done for you.



he'd



I will



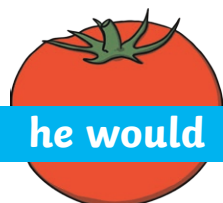
can't



should not



I'll



he would



shouldn't



cannot



haven't



they have



they've



she would



she'd



have not

Andrew Apostrophe

Write the contracted and expanded form.



Andrew Apostrophe has been set some homework by his teacher. However, he is finding the work a little tricky. Please help him complete the following questions by writing the correct answer in the space provided.

Write the contraction:

I will	_____	would have	_____
they have	_____	does not	_____
he is	_____	it is	_____
you are	_____	we are	_____
do not	_____		

Write the expanded form:

don't	_____	he's	_____
what's	_____	where's	_____
we're	_____	you'll	_____
can't	_____	I'd	_____

Contraction Detective

Write the contracted form of the words.



Detective Dog is looking for words that can be contracted in the following sentences. Help him to find them by writing each sentence out again with the contracted word form.

For example:

Expanded form: In the morning, **they will** be going on holiday.

Contracted form: In the morning, **they'll** be going on holiday.

1. Later, we are going to the park.

2. Lucy was amazed! She had never been to such a fantastic place.

3. I have always wanted a pet dog.

4. Where is the party tomorrow afternoon?

5. John is very friendly and he is funny too.

6. It is very late so we will finish the game tomorrow.

7. In the cave, there is a mighty dragon.

Missing Apostrophe

Add the apostrophe to contracted words.

Below are some sentences with contracted words. However, all the apostrophes are missing. Please add the apostrophe to each contracted word so that the sentences make sense.

1. Whats inside the box?

2. She wont be able to climb the mountain because its too big.

3. Were going to be late if we dont hurry.

4. The tiger is very big and shes very dangerous!

5. When youve taken your medicine, youll feel better.

6. Sarah was nervous because she hadnt been on an aeroplane before.

7. My parents are very caring and theyre kind.

8. Hes going outside because its hot inside.

9. Lets play football today.

10. I wont stay up too late because its a school night.

A Parent's Guide to Apostrophes

In English writing, the apostrophe is used when writing contractions and for demonstrating possession. The activities in this booklet focus on using the apostrophe for contraction - when two words have been shortened and one or more letters have been omitted. For example:

They've is the contraction of they have.

In this example, they have has been contracted to make one word. The apostrophe demonstrates where letters have been omitted.

Note: When practising using apostrophes in contractions, please ensure that your child places the apostrophe in the correct position, i.e. exactly between the letters where the omission has occurred. For example, in the contraction he'd (he would or he had) the apostrophe falls between the 'e' and the 'd'. If the apostrophe is placed above the e or the d, this would be incorrect usage of the apostrophe.

he'd	correct
h'ed	incorrect
hed'	incorrect

Common Contraction Words

Here is a list of common contracted words and their expanded forms. Please use this guide to help when practising how to spell contractions.

shouldn't	=	should not	isn't	=	is not
aren't	=	are not	wasn't	=	was not
wouldn't	=	would not	weren't	=	were not
couldn't	=	could not	hasn't	=	has not
doesn't	=	does not	hadn't	=	had not
haven't	=	have not	don't	=	do not
they're	=	they are	mustn't	=	must not
they'll	=	they will	who's	=	who is
they've	=	they have	what's	=	what is
that's	=	that is	where's	=	where is
can't	=	cannot	won't	=	will not
we're	=	we are	she's	=	she is or she has
we've	=	we have	he's	=	he is or he has
we'll	=	we will	you'll	=	you will
I'll	=	I will	you're	=	you are
I've	=	I have	who'll	=	who will
it's	=	it is or it has	didn't	=	did not

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Apostrophe Ants

he'd	-	he would
can't	-	cannot
I'll	-	I will
shouldn't	-	should not
haven't	-	have not
they've	-	they have
she'd	-	she would

Apostrophe Andrew

Write the contraction

I will	-	I'll
they have	-	they've
he is	-	he's
you are	-	you're
do not	-	don't
would have	-	would've
does not	-	doesn't
it is	-	it's
we are	-	we're

Write the expanded form:

don't	-	do not
what's	-	what is / what has
we're	-	we are
can't	-	cannot
he's	-	he is / he has
where's	-	where is / where has
you'll	-	you will
I'd	-	I had

Contraction Detective

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Missing Apostrophe

1. What's
2. won't / it's
3. we're / don't
4. she's
5. you've / you'll
6. hadn't
7. they're
8. He's / it's
9. Let's
10. won't