

CONTRACTIONS

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A contraction is a word that has been formed by two words being shortened by the use of an apostrophe.

e.g. **Can't** is the contraction of "can not."

Contractions are used in everyday speech and in informal pieces of writing. For formal writing however it is best not to use contractions.

Here is a list of all the contractions and the words that they come from.

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

Note: who has = whose and NOT who've

Note: There are some words which over the years have contracted themselves into one word from two, but which do not use an apostrophe:

e.g. already everyone nowadays

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