

## Contractions

Contractions is a term used to explain when two words or more have been shortened into one word. This is done by using an apostrophe which replaces the letter or letters which are no longer needed. It is common in spoken English and often seen in an informal way in written text or books. It is not recommended or used for academic or professional applications. Here is a quick example; **i did not** = *i didn't (contraction)*

LONG	SHORT	
I am	I'm	I'm taking surf lessons on a beach in Bali. I'm surfing the internet.
I have	I've	I've saved enough money to take a holiday in Spain.
I will / I shall	I'll	I'll probably take the metro to work as my car is at the repair shop.
I would	I'd	I'd be surprised if she marries him.
You are	You're	You're the best teacher in my school.
You have	You've	You've a healthy rosy complexion.
You will	You'll	You'll pass these exams if you study with enough focus.
He is	He's	He's a great chef.
He will	He'll	He'll make a good, kind stable husband.

LONG	SHORT	
She is	She's	She's the brightest girl in school.
She will	She'll	She'll probably study medicine one day.
It is	It's	It's a very large cheese cake.
It will	It'll	It'll be sunny tomorrow.
We are	We're	We're happy to see you again.
We will	We'll	We'll arrive at the birthday party at six o'clock.
They are	They're	They're walking to school in the snow.
They have	They've	They've many years experience in fashion design.
They will	They'll	They'll call us next week.

LONG	SHORT	
How is	How's	How's life my friend?
Who is	Who's	Who's going to the concert tonight?
Who would	Who'd	Who'd like extra potatoes?
Who will	Who'll	Who'll help me with the garden today?
Here is	Here's	Here's the receipt you asked for.
There is	There's	There's a wonderful smell when i enter the chocolate shop.
That is	That's	That's the way i like my breakfast; toast, marmalade and coffee.

**LONG**

There will  
That will  
What will  
What is  
When is  
Where is

**SHORT**

There'll  
That'll  
What'll  
What's  
When's  
Where's

There'll be many antique cars at the exhibition next week.  
That'll never pass quality control. It is poor quality  
What'll you do at the weekend?  
Excuse me. What's the quickest route to the hospital?  
When's the next world cup?  
Where's those new trousers i bought last week?

**Negative contractions****LONG**

Are not  
Cannot  
Could not  
Could have  
Did not  
Does not  
Do not  
Has not  
Have not

**SHORT**

Aren't  
Can't  
Couldn't  
Could've  
Didn't  
Doesn't  
Don't  
Hasn't  
Haven't

Aren't you a friend of my cousin?  
Why can't I have a new bike for Christmas?  
I couldn't get to the shops on time.  
We could've walked to the park. It is only a mile.  
She didn't ask her father for extra money after all.  
He doesn't understand mathematics very well.  
You don't have to go to the dentist today. Next month is fine.  
It hasn't been a good day for a walk because of heavy rain.  
We haven't had a holiday in nearly three years.

**Negative contractions****LONG**

Had not  
  
Shall not  
Should not  
Might not  
Must not  
Will not  
Would not  
Were not  
Is not

**SHORT**

Hadn't  
  
Shan't  
Shouldn't  
Mightn't  
Mustn't  
Won't  
Wouldn't  
Weren't  
Isn't

They hadn't paid the rent and the landlord wanted the money.  
"We shan't be moved", the protesters said.  
He shouldn't date the girl from next door.  
I mightn't be able to meet you tonight.  
We mustn't fail the exams.  
They won't buy the green apples because they are rotten.  
I wouldn't trust that person.  
If it weren't for my dog I would be lonely.  
It isn't right to cheat people and steal from them.