

Contractions

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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.

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

SHORT

Aren't
Can't
Couldn't
Could've
Didn't
Doesn't
Don't
Hasn't
Haven't
Hadn't
Shan't
Shouldn't
Mightn't
Mustn't
Won't
Wouldn't
Weren't
Isn'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.
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.

