



ELA Virtual Learning

6th Grade ELA

Contractions

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Objectives/Learning Target:

Students will:

- punctuate and use contractions correctly in writing.



Warm-up

Angella yelled at her son, “do’nt eat my leftovers!” Tucker yelled back, “lamn’t!” When she turned the corner into the kitchen she couldnt believe her eyes! Tucker had already finished the entire bowl of spaghetti and the bread sticks! She yelled, “I willn’t allow you to get away with this!” She then pointed to the yard full of leaves that fell off the trees and and demanded, “Youll rake up all these leaves and wont stop until it’is all cleaned up! This is the last time you’ll eat my leftovers!” Stomping out to the backyard, Tucker huffed and puffed and began to rake. *l’will never eat my mom’s leftovers again*, he thought to himself.

A contraction is:
When we combine two words to make one, using an apostrophe.

On a piece of notebook paper, rewrite this paragraph and fix the incorrect bolded/underlined contractions.



Warm-up Answer

- Check your answers to make sure it meets the following criteria:
 - Did you write in complete sentences?
 - Did you use standard conventions (spelling, punctuation, grammar)?

Sample Proficient Answer:

Angella yelled at her son, “**don’t** eat my leftovers!” Tucker yelled back, “**I’m not!**” When she turned the corner into the kitchen she **couldn’t** believe her eyes! Tucker had already finished the entire bowl of spaghetti and the bread sticks! She yelled, “I **won’t** allow you to get away with this!” She then pointed to the yard full of leaves that fell off the trees and and demanded, “**You’ll** rake up all these leaves and **won’t** stop until **it’s** all cleaned up! This is the last time **you’ll** eat my leftovers!” Stomping out to the backyard, Tucker huffed and puffed and began to rake. **I’ll** *never eat my mom’s leftovers again*, he thought to himself.



Learn

What Is a Contraction?

A contraction consists of two words that are combined to form one word. To “contract” means to “make smaller,” and that is what we do when we form contractions: we take two longer words and contract them into one shorter word.

When Do We Use Contractions?

Contractions are informal “shortcuts” that we often take in our everyday speech. Instead of saying “Do not tease the dog,” we shorten it to “Don’t tease the dog.”

Those same shortcuts can be used in informal writing when we want our writing to reflect our way of speaking. In formal writing, however, it’s best to avoid contractions.

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How Is a Contraction Formed?

Contractions are formed by combining two words and using an apostrophe to replace the letters that have been removed.

The first word in a contraction doesn't change. Letters are always deleted from the second word and an apostrophe takes their place.

There is one exception in which the first word of a contraction is changed: won't, which is a contraction for will not.

The word cannot is a compound word. Can't is the only contraction on the list that is made from a compound word.

Alphabetical List of Contractions

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



Practice

Two Words	Contraction	Sentence
she is	she's	She's my sister.
he is		
that is		
is not		
do not		
cannot		
I will		
I am		

On a piece of notebook paper, complete the Contraction Chart. Then use the sentences to write a paragraph in which the contractions are used and punctuated correctly.



Practice Answer Key

Two Words	Contraction	Sentence
she is	she's	She's my sister.
he is	he's	He's fifteen years old.
that is	that's	That's an extra slice of pizza.
is not	isn't	Isn't this a friendly dog?
do not	don't	Don't knock the glass over!
cannot	can't	Jenny can't drive yet.
I will	I'll	I'll go with you to the park.
I am	I'm	I'm very thirsty.

Sample paragraph:

Jenny and I decided to go to Pizza Hut. **She's my sister. Jenny can't drive yet,** so we walked. On the way we met Johnny; **he's fifteen years old.** Our plan was to place our order and take our food to the park.

Johnny said, "**I'll go with you to the park.**" When we arrived, a dog ran up to us.

"**Isn't this a friendly dog?**" my sister asked. The dog ran around our picnic table as we ate and then jumped up onto the bench. "**Don't knock the glass over!**" Johnny yelled.

Of course, it was my drink that spilled, and **I'm very thirsty.** Johnny and Jenny both offered me their drink, but I declined. Then my sister said to me, "**That's an extra slice of pizza.** Would you like it, Sarah?"

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