

Shortened Words

Sometimes, we join two words together to make them shorter.

We call these contractions.

In today's lesson, we will learn some rules for using contractions correctly.



I am

If 'I' is one of the words in the contraction, the 'I' must be a capital letter.

When shortening 'am' with 'I', remove the 'a' and replace it with an apostrophe.

I am

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I'm

Are

If 'are' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'a' and replace it with an apostrophe.

we are

you are

they are

=

=

=

we're

you're

they're

Is

If 'is' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'i' and replace it with an apostrophe.

he is

she is

it is

that is

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=

=

=

he's

she's

it's

that's

Will

If 'will' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'w' and the 'i' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

I will

=

I'll

you will

=

you'll

he will

=

he'll

she will

=

she'll

it will

=

it'll

we will

=

we'll

they will

=

they'll

Has

If 'has' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

she has

=

she's

he has

=

he's

it has

=

it's

that has

=

that's

Had

If 'had' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

I had

=

I'd

you had

=

you'd

she had

=

she'd

he had

=

he'd

they had

=

they'd

we had

=

we'd

Have

If 'have' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'h' and the 'a' and replace them both with an apostrophe.

I have

=

I've

you have

=

you've

we have

=

we've

they have

=

they've

Not

If 'not' is one of the words in the contraction, remove the 'o' and replace it with an apostrophe.

could not

=

couldn't

do not

=

don't

does not

=

doesn't

had not

=

hadn't

have not

=

haven't

is not

=

isn't

should not

=

shouldn't

would not

=

wouldn't

But watch out!

can **no**t = can't (remove one n) wi**ll** not = won't