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6 POSTERS

CONTRACTIONS ANCHOR CHART

Posters, Notebook Charts
Practice and Answer Keys

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How to Teach It: Five Short Routines

Each one takes a few minutes. Read the two words first, then the contraction.

1. The rule

- Show the missing-letter rule (page 10). Read the three examples aloud.
- Say: "The apostrophe takes the place of the letter we leave out."

2. Not

- Show the not poster (page 5). Say the two words, then the short word.
- Ask: "Which letter is gone? The o. The apostrophe is in its place."

3. Will, is, are, have

- Show pages 6 to 8. Read each pair, then the contraction.
- Ask: "Which letters left? Put the apostrophe where they were."

4. Would, us, and the word that looks the same

- Show page 9. The 'd can mean would or had, so read the sentence back.
- Circle the right one: we're or were, she'd or shed. Say why.

5. Find one in a book

- Children hunt for a contraction on page 19 and write its two words.
- Send the note home (page 25) so families look for contractions too.

Notes on your day

PREVIEW

CONTRACTIONS WITH WILL

The 'll stands for will.

I WILL → I'LL	YOU WILL → YOU'LL
HE WILL → HE'LL	SHE WILL → SHE'LL
WE WILL → WE'LL	THEY WILL → THEY'LL

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The 'll stands for will. The wi is left out, so only the ll is left.
Say the two words first, then the contraction, every time.

CONTRACTIONS WITH ARE AND HAVE

The ’re stands for are. The ’ve stands for have.

WE ARE → WE'RE	THEY ARE → THEY'RE
YOU ARE → YOU'RE	I HAVE → I'VE
YOU HAVE → YOU'VE	WE HAVE → WE'VE
THEY HAVE → THEY'VE	

The a in are is left out, so you get ’re.

The ha in have is left out, so you get ’ve.

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Cut the charts apart. Glue one in your notebook.

NOT

IS NOT → ISN'T

DO NOT → DON'T

Glue in your notebook.

WILL

I WILL → I'LL

WE WILL → WE'LL

Glue in your notebook.

IS

HE IS → HE'S

IT IS → IT'S

Glue in your notebook.

ARE

WE ARE → WE'RE

THEY ARE → THEY'RE

Glue in your notebook.

HAVE

I HAVE → I'VE

YOU HAVE → YOU'VE

Glue in your notebook.

WOULD AND US

I WOULD → I'D

LET US → LET'S

Glue in your notebook.

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Cut the cards. Sort each one into the box for its second word.

SHE'LL	THEY'VE	AREN'T
WE'LL	YOU'VE	WASN'T

NOT	WILL	HAVE
the word it shortens	the word it shortens	the word it shortens

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My name _____

Glue each card from page 12 next to its two words.

HE IS	glue here
DO NOT	glue here
I WILL	glue here

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My name _____

Circle the contraction that says the two words.

Read the words first. Check the apostrophe.

IS NOT

isn't is'nt

WE ARE

were we're

I WILL

I'll ill'

LET US

lets let's

THEY HAVE

they've theyve

SHE WOULD

shed she'd

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My name _____

Read the short word. Write the two words it stands for.

HE'LL means _____ _____

AREN'T means _____ _____

YOU'RE means _____ _____

WE'VE means _____ _____

LET'S means _____ _____

WON'T means _____ _____

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Key: Circle and Cut and Sort

Keep this page for yourself. A child may circle the other choice only if the words say so.

Circle the contraction (page 16)

Item	Two words	Circle
1	is not	isn't
2	we are	we're
3	I will	I'll
4	let us	let's
5	they have	they've
6	she would	she'd

Cut and sort (page 13): the box is the word that was shortened

Card	Its second word	Box
1	aren't	not
2	she'll	will
3	they've	have
4	wasn't	not
5	we'll	will
6	you've	have

My notes on the answers

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Key: Match and Glue, and the Contraction Hunt

The hunt has no single answer. Check that the child wrote the contraction and the two words it stands for, and that the apostrophe sits where the letters were.

Match and glue (pages 14 and 15)

Box	Two words	Glue this card
1	he is	card 2 on page 12: he's
2	do not	card 4 on page 12: don't
3	I will	card 5 on page 12: I'll
4	you are	card 1 on page 12: you're
5	we have	card 6 on page 12: we've
6	let us	card 3 on page 12: let's

Contraction hunt (page 19)

Check the contraction is spelled as it is printed in the book or on the sign, and the two words match it.

My notes on the answers

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A Note Home: Contractions

One page to send home when you start the contraction posters.

Date _____ Class _____ Teacher _____

Dear families,

This week we are learning contractions. A contraction joins two words and leaves a letter out. The **apostrophe** takes the place of the letter we leave out.

IS NOT → ISN'T

This week we are practicing

_____

_____

You can try this at home

Find a contraction in a book together. Ask: "Which two words is this short for? Where did the letters go?"

_____

_____

_____

A note from me (your words)

_____

_____

_____

_____

Thank you, (teacher) _____ Family signature, if your school asks for one _____

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Phrase Bank

Fill each blank with what you really saw and heard.

Teaching the words

- "The apostrophe takes the place of the letter we leave out."
- "Read the two words first. Then read the short word."
- "The n't means not. The 'll means will."
- "He's can mean he is or he has. Read the sentence to be sure."

Asking a question

- "Which two words is this short for?"
- "Where did the letters go? Put the apostrophe there."
- "Read it back. Does it still say the same thing?"
- "Where do you see a contraction at school?"

Noticing what a child did

- "You put the apostrophe where the o went in don't."
- "You said the two words first, then the short one."
- "You checked we're against were and chose the one with the apostrophe."
- "You found the contraction at ____ and said its two words."

Sentence starters for children

- The two words are ____ and ____. The short word is ____.
- The letter left out is ____. The apostrophe goes ____.
- I found ____ in ____. It means ____ and ____.
- The apostrophe is in the place of the ____.

For the note home

- This week we are learning contractions: two words joined and shortened with an apostrophe.
- Look for a contraction in a book at home. Ask your child which two words it stands for.
- Ask your child to read one contraction and say the two words.
- Thank you for ____ (what the family did to help).

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