GRAMMAR

Contractions

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I can make contractions like don't and it's.

1 The rule

A contraction is two words made into one. An apostrophe (') takes the place of the letters that are left out.

do not = **don't**, it is = **it's**

2 Look and say

do not ↓ **don't**	cannot ↓ **can't**	is not ↓ **isn't**	did not ↓ **didn't**
it is ↓ **it's**	I am ↓ **I'm**	we are ↓ **we're**	she is ↓ **she's**

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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Sort the words

Name _____ Date _____

Read each contraction. Which word does it shorten: not, is, or am / are? Write it in the right box.

1 Word bank

I'm | didn't | you're | isn't | she's | that's | don't | we're | it's | they're | can't | he's

not	is	am / are

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Find it in a sentence

Name _____ Date _____

Read each sentence. Circle the contraction.

1. I'm six years old.
2. Don't run in the hall.
3. It's a sunny day.
4. We can't find the cat.
5. She's my best friend.
6. They're at the park.
7. The dog isn't big.
8. We're going home.

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Write it

Name _____ Date _____

Write the contraction. Do not forget the apostrophe (').

1. is not = _____
2. I am = _____
3. it is = _____
4. we are = _____
5. did not = _____
6. she is = _____

How did I do? ☆ ☆ ☆

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FOR TEACHERS AND PARENTS

Answer key: contractions

1 Sort the words

not: don't, can't, isn't, didn't

is: it's, he's, she's, that's

am / are: I'm, we're, you're, they're

2 Find it in a sentence

1. I'm 2. Don't 3. It's 4. can't 5. She's 6. They're 7. isn't 8. We're

3 Write it

1. isn't 2. I'm 3. it's 4. we're 5. didn't 6. she's

4 Teaching tip

Write the two words on a strip of paper. Fold over the letters that leave, and put an apostrophe on the fold. Children see exactly where the apostrophe goes and why.

Watch for: Putting the apostrophe in the wrong place, as in "did'nt". The apostrophe goes where the missing letter was: did not, didn't.

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