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Contractions

Focus

A **contraction** is a word formed from two or more words. Some letters are left out when the words combine.

An apostrophe (') marks the spot where the letters were dropped.

- Some contractions look the same, but mean different things. For example, *he'd* can mean "he had" or "he would."

- Only one contraction, *I'm*, is made with the word *am*. Only one contraction, *let's*, is made with the word *us*.

Practice

Write the words that combine to make each contraction. Some contractions can be made by two sets of words.

1. she'll

_____ + _____

2. I'd

_____ + _____

3. can't

_____ + _____

4. you'll

_____ + _____

5. we'd

_____ + _____

6. didn't

_____ + _____

Read each sentence below. Circle the pair or pairs of words that can be made into contractions. Write each contraction on a line.

7. Ling and I decided we would like to go sledding.

8. Since it is cold outside, we will have to put on warm coats.

9. We are going to call some friends to see if they will come, too.

10. There is lots of snow on the ground, so it is going to be a fun day.

In the letter below, the writer made some mistakes writing contractions. Cross out each mistake. Write the correct contraction in the margin.

Dear Grandmother,

How are you? Im fine. I am enjoying my visit to Ireland.

Yesterday I saw the Cliffs of Moher. They're tall cliffs. You

can't get too close, or the wind will knock you down!

Today I's going to have lunch in the city of Galway.

Maybe today I' will have the seafood stew.

Love,

Margaret