

Spelling list: Apostrophes for contractions

Contractions are shortcuts that allow us to merge words together to convey meaning more efficiently. They usually involve omitting letters or syllables and replacing them with an apostrophe. For instance, *do not* becomes *don't*, *they are* becomes *they're*, and *cannot* becomes *can't*. The apostrophe takes the place of the omitted letters, indicating where the words have been combined.

These condensed forms not only simplify language but also add a touch of informality and fluidity to our conversations. However, mastering the correct spelling of *contractions* can sometimes be a bit challenging.

Use the spelling activities to learn these *contractions*. Can you work out which two words have been merged to create each one?

doesn't	He doesn't like celery in a salad.
can't	I can't believe she has married him.
won't	I hope you won't refuse my request.
don't	Don't eat it all, leave me a piece.
I've	I've got a blister on my heel.
I'd	I'd like to read that book.
I'm	I'm going back to Spain next year.
I'll	I'll use this glue to fix my model.
she's	She's only a little mite.
he's	He's bound to want to come to the party.
it's	It's too hot in here for me.
there's	There's a beautiful view from my balcony.
they're	I wonder why they're so late.
we're	We're pleased to accept your invitation.
you've	I hope you've eaten because dinner won't be ready for hours.
you're	You're looking very smart today.

couldn't Bob regretfully **couldn't** make the payment.

shouldn't You **shouldn't** worry so much!

wouldn't That ride **wouldn't** scare me.