

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Recognising Simple Contractions

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 2: (2G5.8) [Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns \[for example, the girl's name\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- English Year 2: (2G5.8) [apostrophe](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising simple contractions and understanding that apostrophes mark where letters are missing. Includes words with up to 3 letters when contracted and with up to 2 letters replaced with an apostrophe, e.g. I'll, he's, it's.

Expected Questions to support recognising simple contractions and understanding that apostrophes mark where letters are missing. Includes words with up to 2 letters replaced with an apostrophe, e.g. can't, isn't, could've.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising simple contractions and understanding that apostrophes mark where letters are missing. Includes words with 2 or more letters replaced with an apostrophe and some use of irregular contractions, e.g. won't. Also includes contractions that can represent different omitted letters depending on their context, e.g. he'd – he had or he would.

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Recognising Simple Contractions

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1a. Circle the contraction in the sentence below.

I'm at the park with my friend.



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1b. Circle the contraction in the sentence below.

I think he's kind and funny.



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2a. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word it's replaces the letter s.



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2b. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word I've replaces the letters h and a.



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3a. Match the words with their contractions.

I had

I'll

I will

he's

he is

I'd



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3b. Match the words with their contractions.

I am

it's

it is

I'm

we had

we'd



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4a. Circle the contraction which has been written correctly.

Ive'

I've

Iv'e

Ive



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4b. Circle the contraction which has been written correctly.

III

II'I

I'll

III'



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5a. Circle the contraction in the sentence below.

My best friend Greg couldn't be at school today.



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5b. Circle the contraction in the sentence below.

Ella said you're not going to the party.



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6a. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word can't replaces the letters n and o.



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6b. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word wasn't replaces the letter a.



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7a. Match the words with their contractions.

did not

what's

what is

we've

you will

didn't

we have

you'll



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7b. Match the words with their contractions.

should not

hadn't

had not

can't

cannot

let's

let us

shouldn't



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8a. Circle the contractions which have been written correctly.

we're

your'e

hasn't

hel'l

hows'

she's



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8b. Circle the contractions which have been written correctly.

aren't

wev'e

isnt'

you'll

don't

would'nt



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9a. Circle the word pair that represents the contraction in the sentence below.

James looked for his book at home but he'd left it at home.



he would

he had

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Recognising Simple Contractions

9b. Circle the word pair that represents the contraction in the sentence below.

What's going on?



what has

what is

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10a. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word they'd can only replace the letters w, o, u and l.



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10b. True or false?

The apostrophe in the word they'll can only replace the letters w and i.



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11a. Match the words with their contractions.

will not

you had

they will

you would

you'd

won't

they'll



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11b. Match the words with their contractions.

would have

who is

they would

who has

they'd

who's

would've



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12a. Underline the contraction for 'you had'. Circle the contraction for 'you would'.

You'd better finish your work before you go out to play.

I think you'd be warmer if you put your coat on.



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12b. Underline the contraction for 'he is'. Circle the contraction for 'he has'.

He's scored four goals this match!

We hope he's better soon.



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Developing

- 1a. I'm
- 2a. False, it replaces the letter i.
- 3a. I had and I'd, I will and I'll, he is and he's.
- 4a. I've

Expected

- 5a. couldn't
- 6a. True
- 7a. Did not and didn't, what is and what's, you will and you'll, we have and we've.
- 8a. we're, hasn't, she's

Greater Depth

- 9a. he had
- 10a. False. The apostrophe could also replace the letters h and a for they had.
- 11a. Will not and won't, you had and you'd, they will and they'll, you would and you'd.
- 12a. You'd better finish your work before you go out to play.
I think you'd be warmer if you put your coat on.

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Developing

- 1b. he's
- 2b. True
- 3b. I am and I'm, it is and it's, we had and we'd.
- 4b. I'll

Expected

- 5b. you're
- 6b. False, it replaces the letter o.
- 7b. Should not and shouldn't, had not and hadn't, cannot and can't, let us and let's.
- 8b. aren't, you'll, don't

Greater Depth

- 9b. what is
- 10b. False. The apostrophe could also replace the letters s, h and a for they shall.
- 11b. Would have and would've, who is and who's, they would and they'd, who has and who's.
- 12b. He's scored four goals this match!
We hope he's better soon.