

Contractions

1. A contraction is a combination of two words.
2. In a contraction, an apostrophe (') takes the place of missing letters.
3. There are affirmative contractions and negative contractions.

Affirmative Contractions

Pronoun	+ to be		+ would	+ will
I	I am	I'm	I'd	I'll
you	you are	you're	you'd	you'll
we	we are	we're	we'd	we'll
they	they are	they're	they'd	they'll
he	he is	he's	he'd	he'll
she	she is	she's	she'd	she'll
it	it is	it's	it'd	it'll
there	there is:	there's	there'd	there'll
that	that is	that's	this'd	this'll

Directions: Replace the underlined words with an affirmative or negative contraction.

Example: I am I'm happy to meet you.

- 1) We will _____ see you at English class next week!
- 2) There is _____ no milk in the refrigerator.
- 3) There will _____ be time to chat later.
- 4) It is _____ raining today.
- 5) I think it will _____ snow later.
- 6) I was not _____ home last night.
- 7) Mary does not _____ eat meat.
- 8) Donald cannot _____ swim.
- 9) The store will not _____ open early.
- 10) James and Joe have not _____ left yet.
- 11) You should not _____ cheat.
- 12) Jose has not _____ taken out the trash yet.
- 13) I could not _____ do it even if I tried.
- 14) He is _____ almost twenty one years old.
- 15) I am _____ as old as he is.
- 16) English is not _____ very hard!



Negative Contractions

Verb + not	Contraction
do not	don't
does not	doesn't
did not	didn't
is not	isn't
are not	aren't
was not	wasn't
were not	weren't
has not	hasn't
have not	haven't
had not	hadn't
will not	won't
would not	wouldn't
can not	can't
could not	couldn't
should	shouldn't