

Contractions

Using contractions can make reading, writing or speaking quicker by joining two words together to make one word.

The missing letters are replaced by an apostrophe.

These words are called **contractions**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{did not} & \longrightarrow & \text{didn't} \\ \text{I am} & \longrightarrow & \text{I'm} \end{array}$$

Common Exception Words

We have been learning to spell the common exception words **aunt** and **father**.

Grammar

When writing contractions, an apostrophe is used to show omission (where one or more letters have been taken out).

should have should've

Here the apostrophe shows that 'ha' has been removed.

could not couldn't

Here the apostrophe shows that 'o' has been removed.

Word List

can't	we'd	I've	couldn't
you'll	should've	didn't	could've

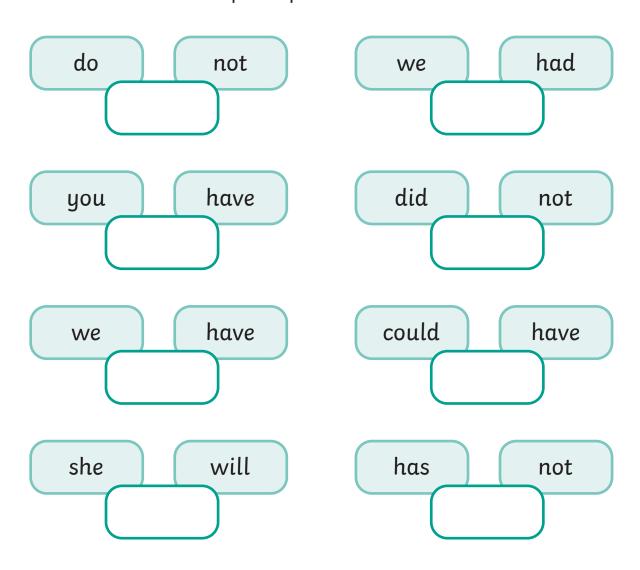




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Can you join the two words together to make a contraction? Remember to use an apostrophe.



Can you write one sentence using a contraction?