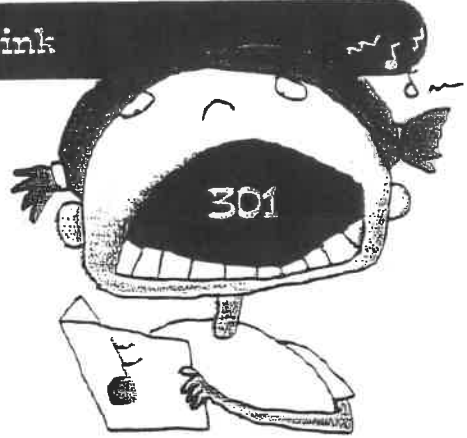


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Handbook Link

Forming Contractions

An **apostrophe** is used to form a contraction. The apostrophe takes the place of one or more letters.



Two Words

did not

you are

will not

Contraction

didn't

you're

won't

apostrophes

1

Write a contraction for each of the words in the list. Then in each sentence, replace the words in **bold italics** with a contraction.

Two Words

is not

it is

do not

they are

cannot

Contraction

1. Mary ***cannot*** sing. Mary can't sing.
2. Jake ***is not*** singing. _____
3. ***They are*** both not singing. _____
4. ***It is*** time for you to sing. _____
5. But I ***do not*** want to. _____

2

Write contractions for the following words. Then in each sentence below, use a contraction to replace the words in **bold italics**.

Two Words

Contraction

Two Words

Contraction

it is; it has

she will

I will

I would

do not

who is

I am

will not

is not

1. ***She will*** be riding six white horses when she comes. _____

2. So long, ***it has*** been good to know you. _____

3. Goodnight, Irene, ***I will*** see you in my dreams. _____

4. If I had a hammer, ***I would*** hammer in the morning. _____

5. ***Will not*** you come home, Bill Bailey? _____

6. ***I am*** half crazy, all for the love of you. _____

7. ***Who is*** afraid of the big, bad wolf? _____

8. If they don't win, ***it is*** a shame. _____

9. It ***is not*** easy being green. _____

NEXT
STOP

The sentences above are lines from songs. Which ones do you recognize?