

# 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.

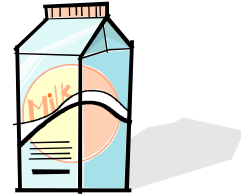
## Affirmative Contractions

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