Contraction Strips

There are 18 pages in this file. This first page contains directions for printing and cutting. The second page contains a complete list of contractions offered.

1) You will need eight sheets of 110 pound 8½ x 11 card stock. I usually print them on orange or green rather than white.

2) Print page 3 on one side and page 4 on the other side of one sheet of card stock. This will place the base words on the front and the contraction endings on the back of the paper.

3) Print back-to-back pages 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18.

4) Trim approximately one inch from the right hand side of all even numbered pages. This will place the ends of the contractions at the edge of the paper.

5) Cut sheets into strips between text rows (about 1¼ inches).

6) Fold contraction endings separately for each strip so that the ending overlays the second word. In some cases the ending will need to overlay the part of the word that is lost in forming the contraction (i.e., will not = won’t; on’t needs to be folded over so that only the w shows in ‘will’).

7) Store in container. I find that a plastic cylinder such as the ones from Crystal Light drink mixes works well (tall container with six tubs of drink mix).

8) The list of contractions is fairly comprehensive so teachers may not want to introduce all of them at one time.
Contractions Instructions

**Master list:**

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