

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:

Sheet 1

are not	aren't
can not	can't
could have	could've
did not	didn't
does not	doesn't
do not	don't
had not	hadn't

Sheet 2

has not	hasn't
have not	haven't
he would	he'd
he will	he'll
he is	he's
here is	here's
I would	I'd

Sheet 3

I am	I'm
I had	I'd
I have	I've
I will	I'll
is not	isn't
it will	it'll
it is	it's

Sheet 4

let us	let's
might not	mightn't
might have	might've
must not	mustn't
ought not	oughtn't
she would	she'd
she will	she'll

Sheet 5

she is	she's
should not	shouldn't
should have	should've
that is	that's
there is	there's
they would	they'd
they will	they'll

Sheet 6

they are	they're
they have	they've
was not	wasn't
we would	we'd
we will	we'll
we have	we've
we are	we're

Sheet 7

were not	weren't
what is	what's
who is	who's
will not	won't
would not	wouldn't
would have	would've
you would	you'd

Sheet 8

you had	you'd
you will	you'll
you are	you're
you have	you've
he has	he's
she has	she's
shall not	shan't

are not

can not

could have

did not

does not

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