

Contractions

We sometimes shorten pairs of words, by joining them together and leaving out some of the letters. We use an apostrophe to show where the missing letter or letters used to be. These shortened words are called contractions.



isn't

Write out each contraction in full, as two words and with no letters missing.

1. couldn't _____

2. didn't _____

3. haven't _____

4. mustn't _____

I shall

I'll

Write each pair of words as a contraction, by joining them together and replacing some of the letters with an apostrophe.

I shall _____ I'll

we shall _____

you will _____ you'll

you will _____

he will _____

they will _____

she will _____

it will _____



We use contractions when we speak. They should not be used in writing except when writing speech, or in a friendly note.