

Rule 13: Contractions



Parent information

- This teaching resource is organised into four sections:
 1) Explanation of the rule 2) Examples of key words that fit the rule 3) Opportunities to practise 4)
 Further examples of commonly used words following the rule & some notable exceptions.
- These slides are intended as a starting point for teaching this rule. The lists of words given at the end might be used for card sorting exercises or a variety of spelling games.



1) Rule 13: Explanation

What has happened?

have not > haven't he will > he'll

When we write the contraction, an apostrophe goes in the place of the missing letters.

there would > there'd I am > I'm

WATCH OUT: some words change completely!

will not > won't shall not > shan't

TIP: willn't and shalln't are too hard to say!



2) Rule 13: Examples

Compare the <u>expanded</u> and the <u>contracted</u> form. What has changed?

did not > didn't we are > we're

he has > he's she would > she'd

should not > shouldn't we have > we've

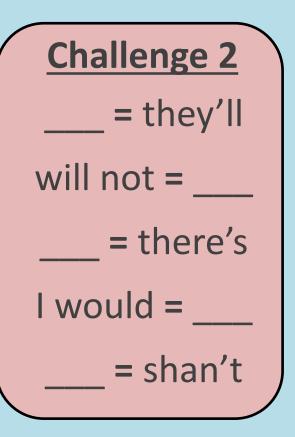
THINK: What do you're and they're mean? What other spellings & meanings of these words are there?



3) Rule 13: Practice

Write the expanded or contracted form.

Starter do not = = can't she is = = we have you are =



THINK: What COULD the expanded forms of she'd and he's be? There is more than one answer!



4) Rule 13: Further examples

Contracted forms

with n't

don't didn't doesn't can't aren't isn't haven't hasn't mustn't wasn't weren't couldn't wouldn't shouldn't

Other contracted forms

To be

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he's / she's / it's there's / here's who's

you're / they're we're

To have

I've

he's / she's / it's
you've / they've
we've / should've
would've
could've

would

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he'd / she'd / it'd there'd / who'd you'd

> they'd we'd

Will

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he'll / she'll / it'll there'll / who'll you'll they'll we'll

NOTE

'Will not' and 'shall not' change to 'won't' and 'shan't'.

forms could come from more than one expanded form (e.g. he's could be 'he is' or 'he has'). The choice will depend on the context.