



Contractions are words that have been shortened and have a letter or letters missing. An apostrophe marks the spot.

This collection has 70 contractions with interesting sentence examples to explain their meaning.

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The learning steps are well-graded, self-motivating, robust and thorough.

<p>it would it'd</p>		<p>It'd be good to know if there's some hot chocolate available at base camp because I'm just about frozen to bits. It'd be just my luck if everyone's out for the day and no-one's around to fuss over me and feed me hot soup.</p>
<p>it will it'll</p>		<p>'It'll be a great day for sailing, but it'll also be a bit tricky staying on course with this fluky * wind,' said the fleet captain.</p> <p>* Pron. <i>flooky</i>, meaning constantly shifting.</p>
<p>¹ it is ² it has it's</p>		<p>'Regarding your report - ¹ it's too complicated, ² it's got too many typos and ¹ it's not up to our company's usual high standard. Please realise ³ its importance for tomorrow's meeting!</p> <p>¹ <i>it's</i> meaning <i>it is</i>, and ² <i>it's</i> meaning <i>it has</i> need an apostrophe because letters are missing. ³ <i>Its</i> as a possessive has no apostrophe. (Normally a possessive word has an apostrophe, but not <i>its</i>.)</p>

<p>that would that'd</p>		<p>'That'd be a very smart car to own, but it'd be a very bad buy for me because my three St * Bernards just wouldn't fit.'</p> <p>* No dot after an abbreviated word is needed when the last letter of the full word is the last letter of the abbreviation - e.g. Dr, Mr, Mrs etc. Note that <i>St</i> is pronounced <i>Sant</i> when there's an upper case noun (proper noun) following it, such as <i>Bernard</i>. However, 'You're a saint to do the washing up!' would have the full pronunciation of the word <i>saint</i>.</p>
<p>there is there's</p>		<p>'There's a very good reason why I can't play tennis, Dennis, and it's not because there's a thunderstorm warning for this afternoon,' moaned Roger.</p>
<p>there will there'll</p>		<p>'There'll be lots of excitement if our trio wins the <i>Patches 'n' * Polka Dot Fashion Competition</i> this afternoon.'</p> <p>* 'n' is the abbreviation for <i>and</i>.</p>

<p>they had they'd</p>		<p>Not long after they'd ordered, the family's refreshments arrived. They chatted happily together about all the emails they'd received while they'd been on holidays.</p>
<p>¹ they had ² they would they'd</p>		<p>The exhausted cyclists decided ¹ they'd travelled quite far enough that day and that ² they'd find a cosy coffee shop before catching a train for the journey home.</p>
<p>they have they've</p>		<p>They've a long way to go through a heavy swell on that famous old sailing vessel before reaching port. (I hope they've taken their seasick pills!)</p>