

READING WORKS

# Contractions

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

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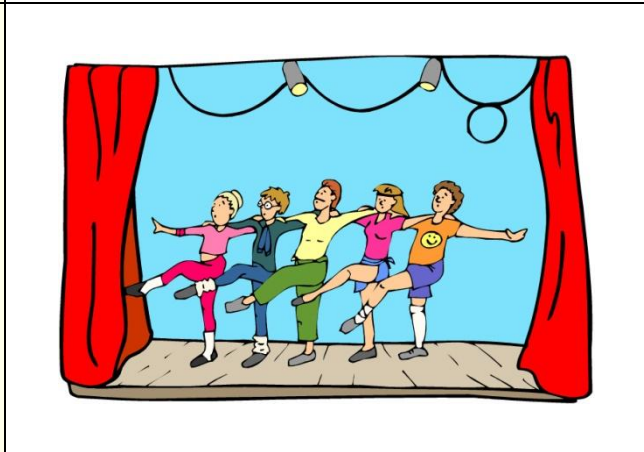
Win-win.

<sup>1</sup> there had  
<sup>2</sup> there would  
  
there'd



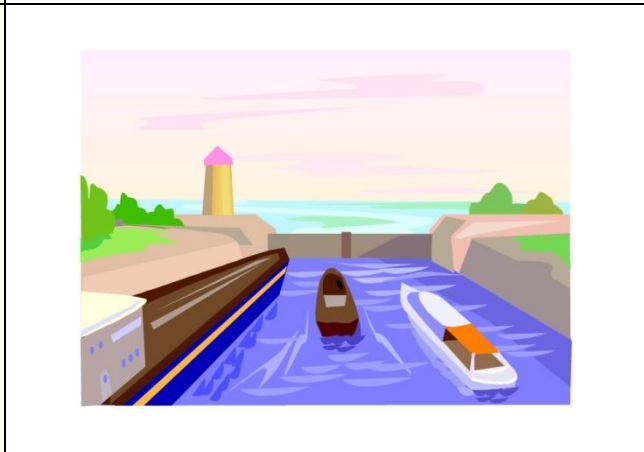
<sup>1</sup> There'd better be a good reason why you were going so fast. <sup>2</sup> There'd normally be a hefty fine to pay immediately, but because this is your first offence, I'll let you off with a stiff warning,' advised the traffic warden sternly.

they are  
  
they're



'They're doing the best they possibly can to be in step with the music, and in my opinion they're just more than ready for tomorrow's concert,' whispered the choreographer proudly to all the beaming parents.

they will  
  
they'll



'They'll have to wait until the lock fills, and that'll take approx. forty more minutes. When the gates open, they'll sail into the magnificent Pacific Ocean,' said the tour guide wistfully.  
  
Note: The abbreviation *approx.* stands for *approximately*.

you are  
you're



'You're a very naughty cat, Pickles, because you're frightening my pet goldfish *Goldilocks* (and me as well) with your big scary magnified pussy-cat eye!'

you will  
you'll



'You'll never believe what happened to my car last night, Mum, and you'll also be pretty surprised when I tell you about the local weather in New York,' moaned Jack.

you had  
you'd



'You'd better start thinking about getting off the chairlift soon, and then you'd better be ready for a quick downhill run!' suggested Tom.



you are  
you're



'You're a very clever dog the way you can beg like that, Curlytail. I know exactly what you're wanting ... and, yes, it's in my pocket,' smiled Miss Bunny in her squeaky doggy-talking voice.

you had  
you'd



'You'd better hang onto that ladder with your spare hand, Susie, or you might fall off and hurt yourself,' called out her friends worriedly.

you have  
you've



'You've been caught speeding in your very big car, Ma'am, and you've a missing number plate and you've only one rear-vision mirror. I'm going to have to write you a very big ticket,' said the parking officer to Lady O'Reilly in a stern voice.