

Contractions

Two words squeeze into one — the apostrophe marks what's missing.

not contractions

verb + not

Examples: don't, can't, isn't, wasn't, didn't

am / is / are contractions

pronoun + am, is, or are

Examples: I'm, he's, she's, we're, they're

will contractions

pronoun + will

Examples: I'll, you'll, we'll, they'll

have / has contractions

pronoun + have or has

Examples: I've, you've, he's, we've

question-word contractions

question word + is or has

Examples: what's, here's, there's, who's

let us

let + us

Examples: let's go, let's play, let's read