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# Contractions

A **contraction** is a word made by putting two words together. When words are joined in a contraction, an apostrophe shows where a letter or letters have been left out.

- Some contractions combine a pronoun and a verb: *I + am = I'm; he + is = he's; we + are = we're; you + will = you'll; we + will = we'll; they + are = they're.*
- Some contractions combine a verb and *not*: *can + not = can't; is + not = isn't; do + not = don't; will + not = won't; are + not = aren't.*

**Contractions**      They're swimming in the lake, but I can't see them.

**Directions** Write the contraction in each sentence.

1. Watch the Olympics, and you'll see some great swimmers. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Americans think they'll win many medals. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I won't miss their big race tonight. \_\_\_\_\_
4. I can't believe she broke the world record. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Maybe we'll swim in the Olympics someday. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Write the contraction in each sentence. Then write the words that make up the contraction.

6. They're starting the race. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Jeremy is in this race, and he's in the first lane. \_\_\_\_\_
8. It's important to get a fast start. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Isn't a fast turn important also? \_\_\_\_\_
10. The other swimmers can't beat Jeremy. \_\_\_\_\_



**Home Activity** Your child learned about contractions. With your child, read an article in a local newspaper. Have your child identify the contractions and the words that make up each contraction.