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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. you'll
2. The Americans think they'll win many medals. they'll
3. I won't miss their big race tonight. won't
4. I can't believe she broke the world record. can't
5. Maybe we'll swim in the Olympics someday. we'll

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

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



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.