

Name _____

Contractions

Directions Write each sentence. Replace the underlined words with contractions.

1. I am studying the history of swimming.

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2. I learned about a popular stroke of the 1800s, and it is called the Australian crawl.

**I learned about a popular stroke of the 1800s,
and it's called the Australian crawl.**

3. Johnny Weismuller, an American swimmer, was not happy with the Australian crawl.

**Johnny Weismuller, an American swimmer,
wasn't happy with the Australian crawl.**

4. He is known for inventing the front crawl.

He's known for inventing the front crawl.

5. Now we are all using the front crawl.

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Directions Write three sentences about swimming. Use at least two contractions. Underline the contractions.

**Possible answer: I couldn't swim until last
summer. I took lessons from a teacher named
Sharon. She's the best swimming teacher ever.**



Home Activity Your child learned how to use contractions in writing. Have your child write two sentences with contractions about water activities he or she enjoys. Have your child point out the contractions.