

Year 2 Term 3A

Our C

Week 4

Contractions



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Contractions with Apostrophes

Contractions are words that have been shortened to make one word. Usually, the letters that have been removed are replaced with an apostrophe. These words all contain an apostrophe to show where the missing letters were...

Contractions with Apostrophes

can + not	→	cannot	→	can't
did + not	→	didn't	→	didn't
has + not	→	hasn't	→	hasn't
could + not	→	couldn't	→	couldn't
it + is	→	it's	→	it's
would + not	→	wouldn't	→	wouldn't
should + not	→	shouldn't	→	shouldn't
was + not	→	wasn't	→	wasn't

Can you air write an apostrophe with your finger?

Can you write an apostrophe on the back of your hand?

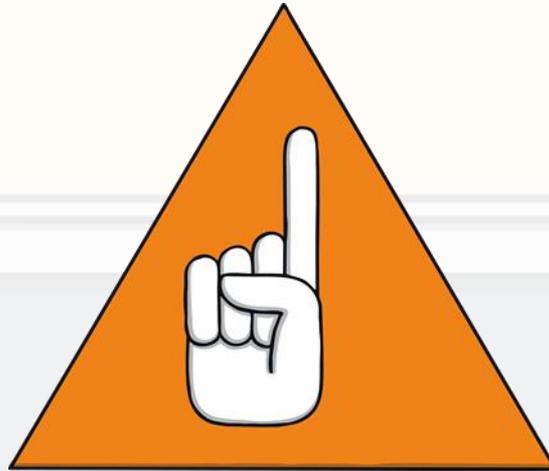
Be Careful!

This pair of words sound the same but are not spelt the same.
They are **homophones**.

One of the spellings does not follow the pattern we are looking at.

it's

We have to hear them
in a sentence to
understand which
spelling is needed.



its

“It’s dinner time!”

Here, the words **‘it is’** are squeezed together to become **it’s**. The apostrophe is used to show that the **‘i’** from **‘is’** is missing.



The cat left a trail of pawprints on the carpet because its paws were muddy.

Here **'its'** means 'the paws belonging to the cat' but there is no apostrophe. **It** does not follow the rule of adding apostrophe + s to show possession. You just add **s**.



Contractions without Apostrophes

Sometimes a longer word is shortened to a shorter word without an apostrophe. This often happens with the titles that are used before people's names.

These titles do not contain an apostrophe...

Mr/Mrs

Mister → Mr

Missus → Mrs

Don't forget!
Mrs and Mr are part of people's names so they both always begin with a **capital letter**.

Using your finger, can you write the word 'Mr' or 'Mrs' on a partner's back?

Can they guess the word you have written?



Here are this week's spellings to practise.

can't

wouldn't

didn't

shouldn't

hasn't

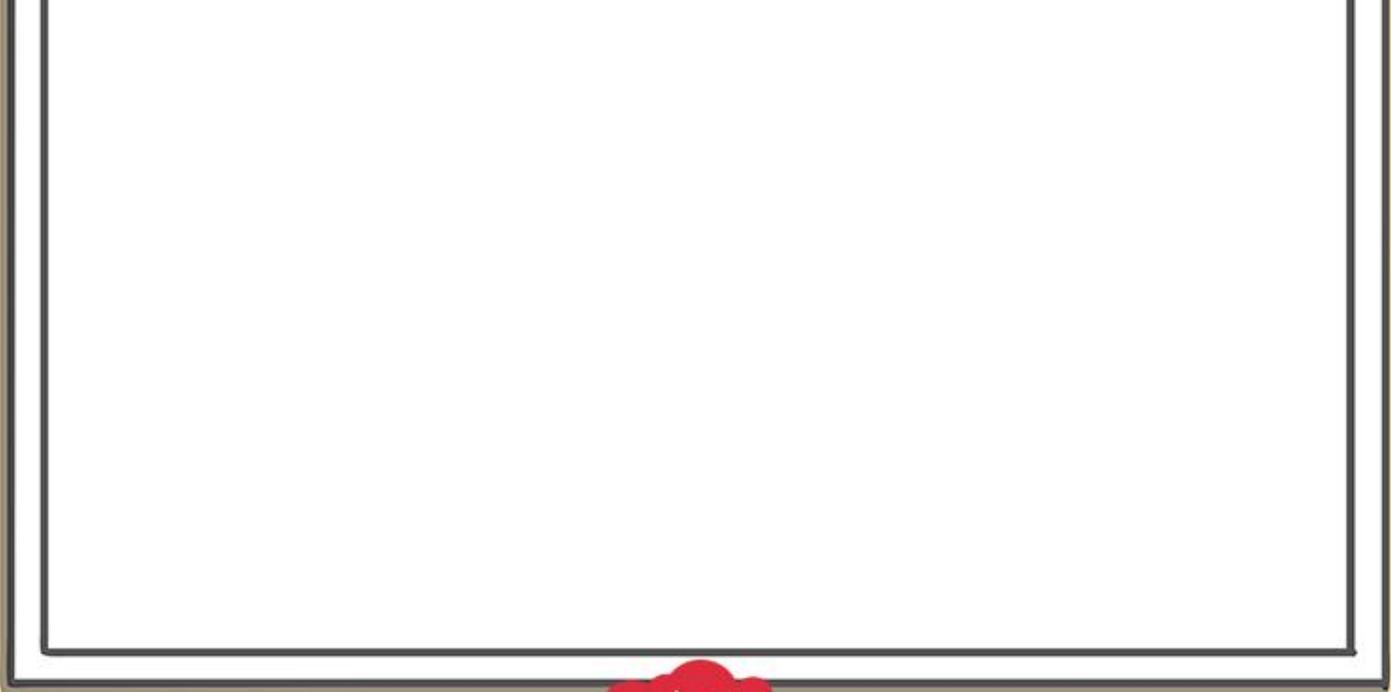
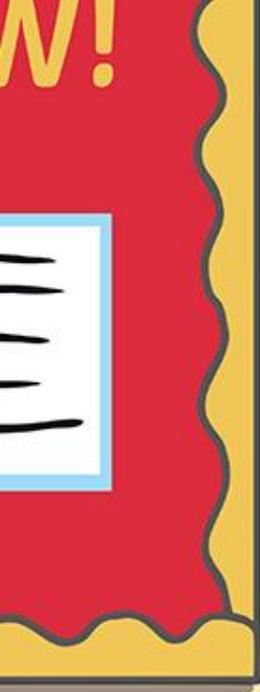
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