

## Lesson 54: Contractions

**Grammar Rule: Contractions are made up of two words that are shortened to make one word. One or more letters are left out and an apostrophe is substituted for the letter or letters dropped. Contractions are a more informal form of English, and are used in informal speech. When one writes a formal paper, use the two original words instead of the contraction.**

Directions: Have the student say the two words and then the contraction so they are familiar with the meaning of the contraction.

I am	I'm	I will	I'll
you are	you're	you will	you'll
we are	we're	she will	she'll
they are	they're	he will	he'll
who are	who're	it will	it'll
let us	let's	we will	we'll
he is	he's	they will	they'll
she is	she's	that will	that'll
it is	it's	these will	these'll
what is	what's	those will	those'll
that is	that's	there will	there'll

who is	who's	this will	this'll
there is	there's	what will	what'll
here is	here's	who will	who'll
one is	one's		
cannot	can't	I have	I've
do not	don't	you have	you've
is not	isn't	we have	we've
will not	won't	they have	they've
should not	shouldn't	could have	could've
could not	couldn't	would have	would've
would not	wouldn't	should have	should've
are not	aren't	might have	might've
does not	doesn't	who have	who've
was not	wasn't	there have	there've
were not	weren't	need not	needn't
has not	hasn't		
have not	haven't		
had not	hadn't		
did not	didn't		
might not	mightn't		

## PRACTICE:

**You're** a very polite person.

You **should've** been there – we all were amazed!

You **needn't** worry; JESUS is always with me!

I **could've** made a smart remark, but I decided to be wise and kind and hold my tongue.

## More Contractions

These contractions could be confusing because the same spelling could be both past and future tense. For example:

I would; I'd like to go with you tomorrow.

I had; I'd been discouraged over the low number of students who attended yesterday.

I would	I'd	I had	I'd
you would	you'd	you had	you'd
he would	he'd	he had	he'd
she would	she'd	she had	she'd
we would	we'd	we had	we'd
they would	they'd	they had	they'd
it would	it'd	it had	it'd
there would	there'd	there had	there'd
what would	what'd	what had	what'd
who would	who'd	who had	who'd
that would	that'd	that had	that'd

## That'd Be a Miracle!

*(A Funny Phonics creative rendition of John 6:1-21)*

One day, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because **they'd** seen his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a

hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "You mean we're going to feed all these people?? Even if we worked for months, we **wouldn't** have enough money to feed them!"

Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. "**There's** a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. **He's** a really generous soul. But **what'd** that do with this huge crowd? I **can't** imagine that **we'd** be able to feed very



many people with only five barley loaves and two fish. **There'd** be a lot of happy people out there if you could pull that one off, Jesus. **That'd** be a real miracle."

Jesus chuckled. "**Let's** see what we can do about that. Tell everyone to sit down," he said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed

them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people **who'd** eaten from the five barley loaves.

When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, **he's** the Prophet **we've** been expecting!" When Jesus saw that they were ready to force him to be their king, he slipped away into the hills by himself.

That evening Jesus' disciples went down to the shore to wait for him. But as darkness fell and Jesus still **hadn't** come back, they got into the boat and headed across the lake toward Capernaum. Soon a gale swept down upon them, and the sea grew very rough. **They'd** rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, "**Don't** be afraid. **I'm** here!" Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

