

# Contractions worksheet

Written English is becoming more and more informal thanks to the advent of email and instant messaging. As a result of this forms like contractions which were only acceptable in spoken English have now started making an appearance in print.

Here is a quick overview of the contractions in English. Each contraction is followed by its full form and example sentences.

## Positive Contractions

I'm — I am — Example: I'm a teacher.

I'll — I will — Example: I'll come tomorrow.

I'd — I had / I would — Example: I'd better leave now. (= I had better leave now.) I'd tell you if I knew. (= I would tell you if I knew.)

I've — I have — Example: I've seen this film before.

You're — You are — Example: You're an amazing chap!

You'll — You will — Example: You'll regret this.

You'd — You had / would — Example: You'd better give me my money back. (= You had better give me my money back.) OR You'd like some soup, wouldn't you? (= You would like some soup, wouldn't you?)

You've — You have — Example: You've been a great help.

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He's — He is / has — Example: He's an old friend of mine. / He's been teaching for twenty years.

He'll — He will — Example: He'll help us.

He'd — He had / would — Example: He'd better consult a doctor. (= He had better consult a doctor.) He'd always bring us nice little presents. (= He would always bring us nice little presents.)

She's — She is / has — Example: She's working now. / She's agreed to come.

She'll — She will — Example: She'll be joining us.

She'd — She had / would — Example: She'd been waiting for two hours when he arrived. / She'd like to have a glass of water.