

Short answers exercise

Short answers are normally constructed with subject and auxiliary verb. Other words in the question are usually omitted in short answers.

In affirmative short answers, we use stressed, non-contracted forms.

'Are you happy?' 'Yes, I am.' (NOT Yes, I'm.)

In negative short answers, we usually use contracted forms.

Examples are given below:

were not - weren't

cannot - can't

will not - won't

are not - aren't

Exercise

Read the questions given below and write appropriate short answers in the space provided against them.

1. 'Have you got a light?' 'Yes,
.....'

I have

I've

2. 'Do you know the answer?' 'No,
.....'

I do not

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I don't

3. 'Will you give me a hand?' 'Yes,
.....'

I will

I'll

4. 'Can you help me with the homework?' 'No,
.....'

I cannot

I can't

5. 'Can I borrow your car?' 'No,
.....'

you cannot

you can't

6. 'Was the film interesting?' 'Yes,
.....'

it was

it's

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7. 'Does she like flowers?' 'Yes,
.....'

she does
she's

8. 'Can I use your computer?' 'Yes,
.....'

you can
you can't

9. 'Should we tell her?' 'No,

we shouldn't
we should not

10. 'Should I wait?' 'No,

you shouldn't
you should not

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Answers

1. Yes, I have.
2. No, I don't.
3. Yes, I will.
4. No, I can't.
5. No, you can't.
6. Yes, it was.
7. Yes, she does.
8. Yes, you can.
9. No, we shouldn't.
10. No, you shouldn't.