



# WRITING CENTRE

A contraction is a shortened form of a group of words. It can be used in both written and oral communication. The omitted letters are replaced by an apostrophe.

**When writing essays, business emails or research papers contractions should be avoided!**

## COMMON CONTRACTIONS

|           |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| aren't    | are not             |
| can't     | cannot              |
| couldn't  | could not           |
| didn't    | did not             |
| doesn't   | does not            |
| don't     | do not              |
| hadn't    | had not             |
| hasn't    | has not             |
| haven't   | have not            |
| he'd      | he had, he would    |
| he'll     | even will, he shall |
| he's      | he is, he has       |
| it's      | it is               |
| I'd       | I had, I would      |
| I'll      | I will, I shall     |
| I'm       | I am                |
| I've      | I have              |
| isn't     | is not              |
| let's     | let us              |
| mightn't  | might not           |
| mustn't   | must not            |
| shan't    | shall not           |
| she'd     | she had, she would  |
| she'll    | she will, she shall |
| she's     | she is, she has     |
| shouldn't | should not          |

that's  
there's  
they'd  
they'll  
they're  
they've  
we'd  
we're  
we've  
weren't  
what'll  
what're  
what's  
what've  
where's  
who's  
who'd  
who'll  
who're  
who've  
won't  
wouldn't  
you'd  
you'll  
you're  
you've

that is, that has  
there is, there has  
they had, they would  
they will, they shall  
they are  
they have  
we had, we would  
we are  
we have  
were not  
what will, what shall  
what are  
what is, what has  
what have  
where is, where has  
who is, who has  
who had, who would  
who will, who shall  
who are  
who have  
will not  
would not  
you had, you would  
you will, you shall  
you are  
you have