

Lesson 5. Contractions

Contractions are two words put together and shortened. An apostrophe (') is used in place of the missing letters.

I am I'm	it is it's	that is that's	I have I've	you have you've
we have we've	I would I'd	they are they're	there are there're	you will you'll
we will we'll	they will they'll	that will that'll	are not aren't	did not didn't
does not doesn't	would not wouldn't	could not couldn't	do not don't	cannot can't

I **am** feeling great.

It **is** a nice day.

I **have** been there.

We **have** been waiting.

I **would** like to go home.

There **are** flies in my soup!

They **will** sing a song.

We **will** run faster.

Our hens **are not** laying eggs.

You **did not** hear me.

I **could not** sleep.

Do **not** move.

We **cannot** do this again!

I'm feeling great.

It's a nice day.

I've been there.

We've been waiting.

I'd like to go home.

There're flies in my soup!

They'll sing a song.

We'll run faster.

Our hens aren't laying eggs.

You didn't hear me.

I couldn't sleep.

Don't move.

We can't do this again!

Read the paragraphs and write the contractions above the words.

33. Bigger Icebergs

① ② ③ ④ Contraction

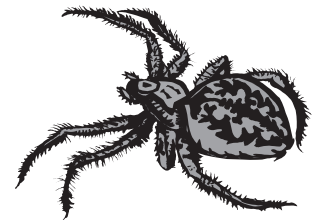
Icebergs are floating down from the Arctic. Ships are not safe when icebergs are around. They are becoming bigger and we see more of them now. We do not seem to be able to stop this change. It is making some people very worried.



34. My Science Project Bites!

① ② ③ ④ Contraction

I did not want a boring science project. When I found a brown recluse spider in our attic, Mom said I could not take it to school. She changed her mind when all the kids in my class promised they will be careful since the spider's bite has flesh-eating venom. My project will show how they are easy to identify—then squash!



35. When I Grow Up

① ② ③ ④ Contraction

I did not know so many people in our world cannot find enough food to stay alive. When I grow up, I would like to help them. I know that you have got to live a hard life along with the people you help, but this is something I really want to do.



Answers

33. Bigger Icebergs (p. 19)

Icebergs are floating down from the Arctic. Ships **aren't**¹ safe when icebergs are around. **They're**² becoming bigger and we see more of them now. We **don't**³ seem to be able to stop this change. **It's**⁴ making some people very worried.

1. aren't – Contraction: Contraction for are not
2. They're – Contraction: Contraction for they are
3. don't – Contraction: Contraction for do not
4. It's – Contraction: Contraction for It is

34. My Science Project Bites! (p. 19)

I **didn't**¹ want a boring science project. When I found a brown recluse spider in our attic, Mom said I **couldn't**² take it to school. She changed her mind when all the kids in my class promised **they'll**³ be careful since the spider's bite has flesh-eating venom. My project will show how easy **they're**⁴ to identify–then squash!

1. didn't – Contraction: Contraction for did not
2. couldn't – Contraction: Contraction for could not
3. they'll – Contraction: Contraction for they will
4. they're – Contraction: Contraction for they are

35. When I Grow Up (p. 19)

I **didn't**¹ know so many people in our world **can't**² find enough food to stay alive. When I grow up, **I'd**³ like to help them. I know that **you've**⁴ got to live a hard life along with the people you help, but this is something I really want to do.

1. didn't – Contraction: Contraction for did not
2. can't – Contraction: Contraction for cannot
3. I'd – Contraction: Contraction for I did
4. you've – Contraction: Contraction for you have