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could not *couldn't*

I will

he will

she will

might not

would not

do not



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mustn't *must not*

shouldn't

we'll

we're

aren't

it'll

you'll

couldn't

didn't

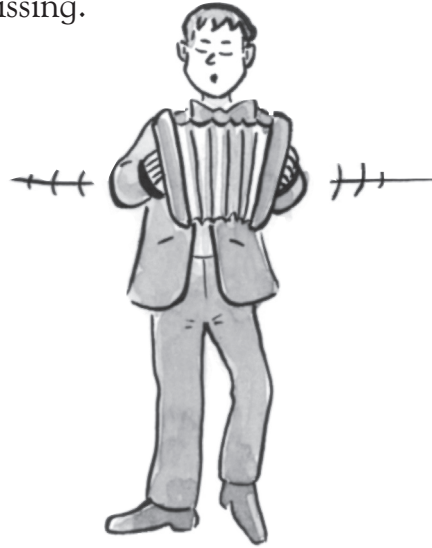


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I will	<i>I'll</i>
he will	<i>he'll</i>
she will	<i>she'll</i>
might not	<i>mighn't</i>
would not	<i>wouldn't</i>
do not	<i>don't</i>



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mustn't	<i>must not</i>
shouldn't	<i>should not</i>
we'll	<i>we will</i>
we're	<i>we are</i>
aren't	<i>are not</i>
it'll	<i>it will</i>
you'll	<i>you will</i>
couldn't	<i>could not</i>
didn't	<i>did not</i>



This page reinforces understanding of how an apostrophe is used to show the position of missing letters when two words are joined to make one word. Your child may find it useful to know that such shortened words are called *contractions*.