

Contractions — Two Words Become One with an Apostrophe

Base Sheet

The child learns that contractions are two words squeezed together with some letters removed and replaced by an apostrophe. Using word cards and hands-on manipulation, the child matches full forms to contractions.

What You Need:

- Contraction matching cards (full form on one color, contraction on another)
- Apostrophe card or cut-out
- Journal
- Pencil
- Work mat

Steps:

1. 'Yesterday we learned compound words — two words stuck together. Today is something different: CONTRACTIONS. Two words squeezed together with letters taken out!'
2. Write 'do not' on a card. When we talk fast, we say 'don't'. Write 'don't' next to 'do not'.
3. 'See this little mark? It is called an APOSTROPHE. It shows where the missing letters used to be.'
4. Practice with matching cards: I am/I'm, he is/he's, we are/we're, they will/they'll, can not/can't, is not/isn't, do not/don't, it is/it's.
5. Child matches pairs.
6. Say sentences with the full form; child responds with the contraction.
7. Child writes 5 contractions and their full forms in their journal.

Work Space:



