

# Can-U-Read?

Contractions

# Contraction Words

Contractions are words that are made by squishing words together.

We take out some of the letters, but keep all the sounds.

We add an apostrophe ' between the pieces.

**ARE NOT** 

 **AREN T** 

**ARN'T**

Some contractions are **who** plus **is**.

I + AM = I'M

I + WILL = I'LL

I + WOULD = I'D

I + HAVE = I'VE

YOU + ARE = YOU'RE

YOU + WILL = YOU'LL

YOU + WOULD = YOU'D

YOU + HAVE = YOU'VE

Some contractions are **is** plus **not**.

IS + NOT = ISN'T

ARE + NOT = AREN'T

WAS + NOT = WASN'T

WERE + NOT = WEREN'T

HAS + NOT = HASN'T

HAVE + NOT = HAVEN'T

HAD + NOT = HADN'T

WOULD + NOT = WOULDN'T

SHOULD + NOT = SHOULDN'T

DO + NOT = DON'T

DID + NOT = DIDN'T

DOES + NOT = DOESN'T

CAN + NOT = CAN'T

Others are **would** plus **have**.

People say these all the time.

WOULD + HAVE = WOULD'VE

COULD + HAVE = COULD'VE

SHOULD + HAVE = SHOULD'VE

We don't write them a lot, but you will see them sometimes.

# WARNING

This contraction doesn't have an apostrophe?

IT + IS = ITS

Why doesn't it?

The apostrophe does another job.

It says "Hanna has this thing..."

Hanna's kindle

And "It has this thing..."

IT'S

Hi. I'm Samantha.

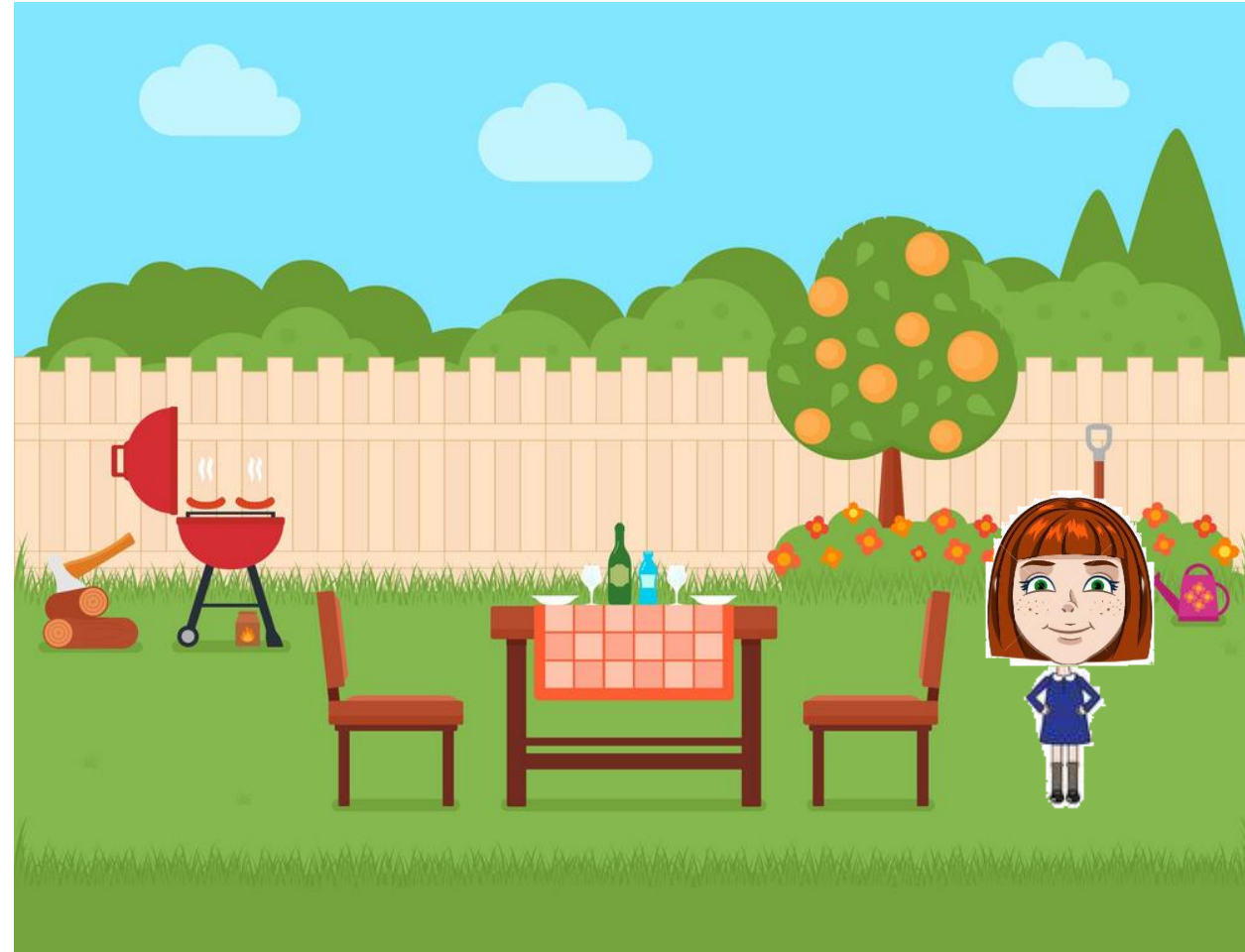
Today's my birthday.

I'm so excited.

My mom'll make me a cake.

My friends've come for a party.

Even grandma should've made it.



Only... I've been all over.

No one's here.

They didn't forget, did they?

Maybe I'd better look again.

You'll help me?

That'd be great!



This is my reading room.

I've got 25 books about cats.

I love cats.

My dad said he had a surprise for me.

Maybe it'll be another great book.





I'm getting worried.

I haven't seen him in hours.

He must've been back by now.

What if he doesn't come in time?

Where'd he go, anyway?



Hmm.

This is the chicken for our dinner.

Where's my cake?

Mom said she'd make it pink.

And where is she anyway?

Isn't she home?



Uh... this is our... our basement.

There are spiders and things.

And it smells funny.

Honestly, I'd be too scared to be here by myself.

Thanks for coming with me.



I've had it!

They've forgotten about me.

On my birthday.

I'm so mad I could scream.

They don't even care about me.

What's the matter with them?



When I see them, I'm going to....

Wait a minute.

I can think of one more place to look.

Maybe I shouldn't lose my temper so easily.

We'd better go check the family room.





Boy was I wrong!

They've all come to the party,  
even Grandma.

And my cake is pink with kittens.

But best of all is my present.

Mom and Dad got me my own cat!



The End