

## CONTRACTIONS

When native speakers are speaking at normal speed, they will normally ‘contract’ certain words. This means that they will remove some sounds from two, or even three words and make them into one. These contractions are heard in the following six contexts:-

### 1) Pronouns with parts of auxiliary verbs

I am	<i><b>I’m</b></i>	we are	<i><b>we’re</b></i>
I have	<i><b>I’ve</b></i>	we have	<i><b>we’ve</b></i>
I will	<i><b>I’ll</b></i>	we will	<i><b>we’ll</b></i>
I would / had	<i><b>I’d</b></i>	we would / had	<i><b>we’d</b></i>
you are	<i><b>you’re</b></i>	they are	<i><b>they’re</b></i>
you have	<i><b>you’ve</b></i>	they have	<i><b>they’ve</b></i>
you will	<i><b>you’ll</b></i>	they will	<i><b>they’ll</b></i>
you would / had	<i><b>you’d</b></i>	they would / had	<i><b>they’d</b></i>
	he is / she is / it is	<i><b>he’s / she’s / it’s</b></i>	
	he will / she will / it will	<i><b>he’ll / she’ll / it’ll</b></i>	
	he / she / it would / had	<i><b>he’d / she’d / it’d</b></i>	

### 2) Names with parts of auxiliary verbs

e.g. ***Carlos’s*** coming.  
***Elizabeth’ll*** help you with that.  
***HP’ve*** launched a new product.  
***Volvo’d*** like to move into this market sector.

### 3) Nouns with parts of auxiliary verbs

e.g. The ***workers’re*** discussing this at the moment.  
My ***manager’ll*** explain it to them.  
His ***assistant’d*** be able to meet you.

### 4) Auxiliary and modal verbs with *not*

e.g. They ***aren’t*** happy about this.  
Why ***don’t*** you answer?  
I ***haven’t*** heard from him.  
It just ***won’t*** work.  
She ***can’t*** expect anything from them.  
You ***mustn’t*** talk about it.

## 5) Auxiliary and modal verbs with *have*

- e.g. I *would've* done it completely differently.  
 He *may've* been away.  
 They *couldn't've* meant this to happen.  
 You *needn't've* waited.

## 6) Other contractions

- e.g. *How's* your family?  
*Who'd've* thought it?  
*When'll* they understand?  
*Why're* you looking at me?  
*What'll* you have?
- There's* been some trouble.  
*Here're* the reports you asked for.  
*This'll* be fine.  
*That'll* do.
- D'you* know about this?
- Let's* get started.
- I'm *gonna* talk to him in the morning.  
 He's *gotta* go.  
 She'll *wanna* be there early.  
 I *dunno*.