

# GRAMMAR for BEGINNERS

## Contractions



Remember:

We put an apostrophe in the position of the letter(s) we have dropped!

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I am = I'm    You are = You're  
He is = He's    She has = She's  
Let us = Let's  
He would = he'd  
That is = That's  
Will not = won't  
Does not = Doesn't



In writing, the apostrophe takes the position of the missing letters.

1. (I am) \_\_\_\_\_ often late for school.
2. (Are not) \_\_\_\_\_ they the daughters of Mr and Mrs Collins?
3. (They are) \_\_\_\_\_ all going to wait for the results tomorrow.
4. (had not) \_\_\_\_\_ it been for you, I (would not) \_\_\_\_\_ have been around anymore.
5. (I would) \_\_\_\_\_ love to visit you one summer.
6. (Peter is) \_\_\_\_\_ not willing to do it.
7. (where did) \_\_\_\_\_ she go?
8. (I have) \_\_\_\_\_ never been to the USA.
9. (Let us) \_\_\_\_\_ wait another hour before we make a decision.
10. (We have) \_\_\_\_\_ never done a thing like that.
11. (He would) \_\_\_\_\_ have bought a present had he known it was your birthday.

12. He (could not) \_\_\_\_\_ have done anything about it.
13. (They are) \_\_\_\_\_ very different from the rest.
14. (John is) \_\_\_\_\_ not calling me.
15. (He would) \_\_\_\_\_ help if only he could.
16. You (could not) \_\_\_\_\_ help it.
17. (You would) \_\_\_\_\_ have talked to him if you though it would make a difference.
18. Matt (could not) \_\_\_\_\_ find his books.
19. I know he (will not) \_\_\_\_\_ be late.
20. I (did not) \_\_\_\_\_ eat breakfast.
21. We (should have) \_\_\_\_\_ paid right away.
22. (You are) \_\_\_\_\_ often right.
23. The (bee is) \_\_\_\_\_ in the bottle.
24. Who cares? You (do not) \_\_\_\_\_!