

## TIP

A **contraction** is a short way to write two words. Use an apostrophe (') to show where letters have been left out of a contraction.

I'd is a contraction for I would.

He's is a contraction for he is.

## LIST WORDS

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. there's    | <i>there's</i>   |
| 2. haven't    | <i>haven't</i>   |
| 3. he's       | <i>he's</i>      |
| 4. couldn't   | <i>couldn't</i>  |
| 5. that's     | <i>that's</i>    |
| 6. I'll       | <i>I'll</i>      |
| 7. isn't      | <i>isn't</i>     |
| 8. didn't     | <i>didn't</i>    |
| 9. they're    | <i>they're</i>   |
| 10. we'll     | <i>we'll</i>     |
| 11. mustn't   | <i>mustn't</i>   |
| 12. shouldn't | <i>shouldn't</i> |
| 13. wasn't    | <i>wasn't</i>    |
| 14. won't     | <i>won't</i>     |
| 15. I'd       | <i>I'd</i>       |
| 16. wouldn't  | <i>wouldn't</i>  |
| 17. don't     | <i>don't</i>     |
| 18. I've      | <i>I've</i>      |
| 19. you've    | <i>you've</i>    |
| 20. doesn't   | <i>doesn't</i>   |

# Spelling Practice

## Writing Contractions

Write the **list words** under each category. Remember to include the apostrophe in each word.

the contractions that mean "not"

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 2. _____  |
| 3. _____  | 4. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ |           |

the contractions that mean "is"

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 12. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 14. _____ |           |

the contractions that mean "will"

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 15. _____ | 16. _____ |
|-----------|-----------|

the contractions that mean "have"

- |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 17. _____ | 18. _____ |
|-----------|-----------|

the contraction that means "would"

- |           |  |
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| 19. _____ |  |
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the contraction that has the meaning "are"

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 20. _____ |  |
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## Contractions

Circle the two words in each sentence that can be shortened into a contraction to make a **list word**. Then, write the **list words**.

1. You must not tell my secret.
2. We have not seen Bill all day.
3. The dog would not sit in the pond.
4. You have made me very happy.
5. I would like to find my coat.
6. They are all going to the party.
7. You should not ride your bike after dark.
8. I will go get the groceries.
9. Anne did not hear the telephone ringing.
10. The boys could not fix the flat tire.

## Scrambled Words

Unscramble the letters and add an apostrophe to form **list words**. Then, use the number code to answer the riddle.

1. lelw  $\frac{\quad}{1}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
2. taths  $\frac{\quad}{2}$   $\frac{\quad}{10}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
3. vie  $\frac{\quad}{3}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
4. twon  $\frac{\quad}{4}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
5. tond  $\frac{\quad}{5}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
6. nestdo  $\frac{\quad}{6}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
7. stanw  $\frac{\quad}{7}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
8. esh  $\frac{\quad}{8}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
9. resthe  $\frac{\quad}{9}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$
10. snit  $\frac{\quad}{11}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$   $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$

**Riddle:** What did the bear say to the campers at their picnic?

**Answer:** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11?

# Spelling and Writing



## Proofreading

This poem has eight mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Underline the **list words**, then write them correctly on the lines.

### Proofreading Marks

- ✓ add apostrophe
- ℓ take out something

Theres a bear in in the woods I know for sure.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Hes black and covered with fuzzy fur.

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Youve never seen such a great, big beast.

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Id say he is ten feet at at least.

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Now I think that bear is is chasing me.

5. \_\_\_\_\_

So Ill have to run and climb a tree.