



The Hare and the Tortoise: Contractions



A contraction is a shortened form of two words. Read the story below. Check the correct contraction for the highlighted words.

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There once was a Hare who said: "I **am** the fastest of all!"

I'm

I'd

I'll

One day a tortoise said: " **I will** race you to prove it."

I'm

I'd

I'll

The Hare laughed "You **will not** win the race!"

wouldn't

won't

can't

The runners started off the race. The Hare was soon far out of sight. He thought: " **There is** plenty of time to relax."

He took a nap.

There's

There're

There'll

The Tortoise kept going and going until he came to the finish line. When the Hare woke up, it was too late. He **could not** beat the Tortoise.

couldn't

shouldn't

wouldn't

Moral: Slow and steady wins the race.

