

Contractions

A **contraction** is a shortened form of two or more words, usually using an apostrophe for the missing letters.

In the first example below, the missing "n" and "o" are replaced with an apostrophe.

She can not go to the store.

She can't go to the store.

Some more examples of contractions include:

We have not found our dog.

We haven't found our dog.

I am going to the dentist tomorrow afternoon.

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She is asking a lot of questions about Santa.

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