

# Contractions - Group 2



You're reading with...



the lion cubs!

## Getting Ready - A Broad View of the Landscape Before You Begin



Congratulations! You have reached the final expedition in the pursuit of reading excellence! You and your reader should be very proud of your accomplishment. Your dedication, commitment and perseverance have provided your reader some of the tools that are integral to his or her educational, social and professional well-being for life.

Praise your reader enthusiastically, as you commence this last expedition. Undoubtedly, he or she will be excited, as you endeavor to learn these last items. Accompany the lesson with lots of ceremony and fanfare. Suggest that your reader place stars or check marks on the Jungle Journal as he or she masters each item, as a sort of "countdown" to graduation. Anything you can do to reward and honor your reader's efforts is a good thing to do.

You will want to approach teaching the contractions in this expedition in the same manner as you taught the first group of contractions. Flash Card Set 30 has the second set of 16 contractions. Pair the contractions together, and lay them out (in two groups) on a table or on the floor in front of your reader as follows:

had not	hadn't	has not	hasn't
how is	how's	he will	he'll
I will	I'll	here is	here's
it will	it'll	should not	shouldn't
she will	she'll	they are	they're
there is	there's	they have	they've
would not	wouldn't	where is	where's
you are	you're	will not	won't

Focus on only eight sets of contractions at a time (one of the two groups above). Model reading each set of contractions for your safari mate in the same manner as the examples outlined. First, say the original two words. Next, point out *how* the contraction is made - a space and some letters are eliminated. Last, read the word in its contracted form.

After the lesson on *how* each contraction is formed, simply read each set of contractions for your safari mate. For right now, this is the most important part of the expedition for your student. *He or she just needs to remember how to read the contracted form of the words.* It's great if he or she also understands the original words and meanings of each contracted form.

It will then be time to:

1. Place the final sticker on the Safari Success Trail poster.
2. Give your reader a special treat or gift he or she has earned for completing the Expeditions to Excellence Reading System.
3. Fill out the diploma included in this program with the reader's name, and the date of completion.
4. Share the news of the accomplishment with anyone who will listen! You should *both* be proud!
5. Continue the reading journey. Keep adding accomplishments to the reading journal in *The Reading Place*. It's a journey that can be enjoyed for a lifetime!

## Taking a Closer Look - Sample Dialogue to Help Direct Your Course

**Tour Guide:** "(Child's name), this is our last expedition! You will graduate today! Are you excited?"

**Reader:** "Yes - hooray!"

**Tour Guide:** "We have one more group of contractions to master. When you're all done, do you know what will happen?"

**Reader:** "I will finish my sticker chart and make it to the end!"

**Tour Guide:** "Yes, but that's not all! You get a special treat and a diploma, too! We'll hang up your diploma in a very special place for everyone to see. We are all so very, very proud of you!"



### More Tips... for Tour Guides

Here are some discussion and comprehension prompts to use when reading with your safari mate.

Before reading the book, ask him or her to think about these sentences.

"I predict that this story is about..."

or

"When I look at the cover, it makes me think of..."



After reading the book, consider these sentences.

"I think (someone else's name) would like this book because..."

or

"The thing that most surprised me about this story was..."

You may wish to prompt your reader to complete these lines:

"I learned that..."

or

"I can re-tell this story in my own words.

First...

Next...

Last..."



Lion cubs learn to hunt when they are only about six months old. They learn from older, adult lions. Aren't you glad you didn't have to find your own food when you were that young?



## What You'll Need to Pack for the Safari



You will need Flash Card Sets 29 and 30 (to play the game featured in this folder), pride, fanfare, clapping and great celebration of every kind! You will also need the diploma, provided in your reading system materials.

## Results to Achieve During Your Expedition



Your reader will understand the meaning and use of contractions and apostrophes, and will read the sixteen words in their contracted form presented in this expedition. He or she will feel a tremendous sense of accomplishment and success for completing the Expeditions to Excellence Reading System!

# Jungle Journal

Accomplished with Excellence	Expedition Activities:	
	they are	they're Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	he will	he'll Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	has not	hasn't Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	they have	they've Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	would not	wouldn't Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	there is	there's Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	here is	here's Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	I will	I'll Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	should not	shouldn't Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	you are	you're Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	she will	she'll Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	will not	won't Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	had not	hadn't Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	where is	where's Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	how is	how's Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	it will	it'll Reader reads the original words and their contracted form
	Reader completes Funsheets (instructions to be read by Tour Guide)	
	Reader draws a star on the Safari Success Trail, in space number 75 (check off Jungle Journal in the backpack to advance)	
	Reader receives diploma for becoming a reader of excellence!	

You're having a party and it's going to be so much fun! Here's a pizza to slice for your friends. Connect each contraction to the words from which it was formed. Use a ruler and a black marker or pencil. Count how many slices there are when you are finished.



should not

where is

how's

has not

they've

here is

she'll

it will

it'll

she will

here's

they have

hasn't

how is

shouldn't

where's

# Play Contraction Attraction!

(for 2 players)

In this fun and fast-paced game, you and your safari mate will be on the lookout for contractions. Whoever can "collect" the most contractions will win the game.



Here's how to play...

1. Player One should be the student. Player Two should be the Tour Guide. The words on the board face Player One. You will need Flash Card Sets 29 and 30. *Combine the two sets of flash cards, but remove all of the words in their contracted form.* The only cards remaining should be those with two words on them. Shuffle the cards and place them face down in the middle of the game board.
2. Each player will need fifteen (15) tiny game pieces. Player One should have different game pieces than Player Two. You may want to use pennies, buttons, cut up construction paper of different colors or paper clips. The players should put their pieces on their area on the game board labeled "Player One" or "Player Two".
3. Player One goes first. He or she picks the top card from the pile and reads the two words appearing on it. He or she then searches the spaces on the board for the contracted form of the two words. If it appears on the board, the player puts one of his or her game pieces on the space. Player One "owns" that contraction. (There are more cards than there are spaces on the board. Therefore, the player may pick a card for which there is no contraction to match. If this happens, the player does not get to place a game piece on the board.) The used card is placed face-up in a discard pile. It then becomes time for Player Two to pick a card. Player Two reads the two words and searches for the matching contraction on the board.
4. The game continues until all of the spaces on the board are covered with a game piece. The player with the most game pieces on the board wins the game!

Player Two

you're

she'll

I'll

here's

how's

he'll

hadn't

there's

# Contraction Attraction!

it'll

he's

didn't

can't

she's

wasn't

don't

isn't

what's

who's

Player One