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Lesson 3 – List of Contractions and Mega Contractions

Note: this list includes the most common verb forms. It is by no means exhaustive

Verb:	**be** (present simple / continuous)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I am	I'm	uhm
you are	you're	y
he is	he's	iz
she is	she's	shz
it is	it's	i_z
we are	we're	w
they are	they're	th
Example:	He's really nice.	i Zriy lii Nais.

Verb:	**be** (past simple / continuous)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I was	none	uh wz
you were	none	y w
he was	none	i wz
she was	none	sh wz
it was	none	i_ wz
we were	none	w w
they were	none	th w
Example:	She was late.	sh w Zlei_.

Verb:	**have** (present perfect)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I have	I've	uhv
you have	you've	yv
he has	he's	iz
she has	she's	shz
it has	it's	i_z
we have	we've	wv
they have	they've	thv
Example:	They've just left.	th Vju Sleft.

Verb:	**have** (past perfect)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I had	I'd	uhd
you had	you'd	yd
he had	he'd	id
she had	she'd	shd
it had	it'd	i_ uh
we had	we'd	wd
they had	they'd	thd
Example:	She'd been told about it.	sh dbin Teul d bau ti_.

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Verb:	**will** (future simple)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I will	I'll	uhl
you will	you'll	yl
he will	he'll	il
she will	she'll	shl
it will	it'll	il
we will	we'll	wl
they will	they'll	thl
Example:	I'll see you soon.	uhl See y Soon.

Verb Form:	**will have** (future perfect)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I will have	I'll have	uh lv
you will have	you'll have	y lv
he will have	he'll have	i lv
she will have	she'll have	sh lv
it will have	it'll have	i lv
we will have	we'll have	w lv
they will have	they'll have	th lv
Example:	It'll have finished by then.	i l Fi ni shbai then.

Verb Form:	**be going to** (future)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I am going to	I'm going to	uhm g n
you are going to	you're going to	y g n
he is going to	he's going to	i zg n
she is going to	she's going to	sh zg n
it is going to	it's going to	i_ zg n
we are going to	we're going to	w g n
they are going to	they're going to	th g n
Example:	We're going to have lunch.	w g n Ha Vlunch.

Verb Form:	**would** (conditional)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I would	I'd	uhd
you would	you'd	yd
he would	he'd	id
she would	she'd	shd
it would	it'd	i_ uh
we would	we'd	wd
they would	they'd	thd
Example:	You'd be surprised.	y dbii s Praizt.

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Verb:	**can** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
you can	none	y kn
Example:	You can tell me later.	y kn Tel mi Lei_ uh.

Verb:	**could** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
They could	none	thei kd
Example:	They could go too.	thei k_ Geu Too.

Verb:	**should** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I should	none	uh shd
Example:	I should get ready for work.	uh sh_ Ge_ Re dii f Werk.

Verb:	**must** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
You must	none	y ms
Example:	You must be happy about it.	y ms bii Ha pii y bau_ ti_.

Verb Form:	**have to** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I have to	none	uh ha ft
Example:	I have to go now.	uh ha ft Geu Nau.

Verb:	**might** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (t replaced by glottal stop):
We might	none	w mai_
Example:	We might be on time.	w mai_ bii yon Taim.

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Verb Form:	**could have** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I could have	I could've	uh k dv
Example:	I could've done better.	uh k d Vdun Be_ uh.

Verb Form:	**should have** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I should have	I should've	uh sh dv
Example:	I should've told you.	uh sh d Fteul j.

Verb Form:	**must have** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
It must have	it must've	i_ m stv
Example:	It must've been great!	i_ m st vbin Grei_!

Verb Form:	**might have** (modal auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
They might have	they might've	th mai tv
Example:	They might've got lost.	th mai t Vgo_ Lost.

Verb Form:	**be** (negative)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I am not	I'm not	uh Mno_
he is not	he isn't	i Yin_
Example:	I'm not sure about this.	uh Mno_ Shor r bau_ this.

Verb Form:	**do** (negative auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (_t replaced by glottal stop):
I do not	I don't	uh Deun_
she does not	she doesn't	sh Dn_
Example:	She doesn't like toast.	sh Dn_ Lai Kteust.

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Verb Form	**do** (auxiliary question)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
Do you like...?	d'you like...?	j Laik...?
Does she like…?	none	d shi Laik…?
Example:	D'you like eggs?	j Lai Kegz?

Verb Form:	**have** (negative auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (strong vowel sounds disappear):
I have not	I haven't / I ain't	uh Ya vn_ / uh Yein_
she has not	she hasn't	sh Yan_
Example:	I haven't got any money.	uh Ya vn_ Go_ e nii Mu nii.

Verb Form:	**will** (negative auxiliary)	
Full Form:	Normal Contraction:	Mega Contraction (t replaced by glottal stop):
I will not	I won't	uh Weun_
he will not	he won't	i Weun_
Example:	I won't be able to.	uh Weun_ bi Yei bl too.