

Talk a Lot

Focus on Connected Speech

List of Common Contractions in English

Positive and Negative Contracted (Short) Verb Forms in English – With Pronunciations

Contractions are usually pronoun + auxiliary verb. They are shortened in spoken English because they are usually unstressed **function words**. Other common contractions include: “there is” → “there’s”, negative modal contractions, e.g. “cannot” → “can’t”, question contractions, e.g. “what is?” → “what’s?”, and names, e.g. “Rob is” → “Rob’s”, etc.

“I” – positive

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
I am	I’m	/aɪm/
I have	I’ve	/aɪv/
I had	I’d	/aɪd/
I will	I’ll	/aɪl/
I would	I’d	/aɪd/

“I” – negative

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
I am not	I’m not	/aɪm nɒt/
I have not	I haven’t	/aɪ ‘hæv.nt/
I had not	I hadn’t	/aɪ ‘hæd.nt/
I will not	I won’t	/aɪ wəʊnt/
I would not	I wouldn’t	/aɪ ‘wʊd.nt/

“you” – positive (both singular and plural)

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
you are	you’re	/juə/
you have	you’ve	/ju:v/
you had	you’d	/ju:d/
you will	you’ll	/ju:l/
you would	you’d	/ju:d/

“you” – negative (both singular and plural)

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
you are not	you aren’t	/ju:’wɑ:nt/
you have not	you haven’t	/ju: ‘hæv.nt /
you had not	you hadn’t	/ ju: ‘hæd.nt /
you will not	you won’t	/ju: wəʊnt/
you would not	you wouldn’t	/ju: ‘wʊd.nt/

“he” and “she” – positive (“it” follows the same pattern)

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
he is / she is	he’s / she’s	/hi:z/ / /ʃi:z/
he has / she has	he’s / she’s	/hi:z/ / /ʃi:z/
he had / she had	he’d / she’d	/hi:d/ / /ʃi:d/
he will / she will	he’ll / she’ll	/hi:l/ / /ʃi:l/
he / she would	he’d / she’d	/hi:d/ / /ʃi:d/

“he” and “she” – neg. (“it” follows the same pattern)

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
he / she is not	he / she isn’t	e.g. /hi:’jɪz.nt/
he / she has not	he / she hasn’t	/ʃi: ‘hæz.nt/
he / she had not	he / she hadn’t	/hi: ‘hæd.nt/
he / she will not	he / she won’t	/ʃi: wəʊnt/
he would not	he / she wouldn’t	/hi: ‘wʊd.nt/

“we” – positive

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
we are	we’re	/wɪə/
we have	we’ve	/wi:v/
we had	we’d	/wi:d/
we will	we’ll	/wi:l/
we would	we’d	/wi:d/

“we” – negative

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
we are not	we aren’t	/wi:’jɑ:nt/
we have not	we haven’t	/wi: ‘hæv.nt /
we had not	we hadn’t	/wi: ‘hæd.nt/
we will not	we won’t	/wi: wəʊnt/
we would not	we wouldn’t	/wi: ‘wʊd.nt/

“they” – positive

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
they are	they’re	/ðeə/
they have	they’ve	/ðeɪv/
they had	they’d	/ðeɪd/
they will	they’ll	/ðeɪl/
they would	they’d	/ðeɪd/

“they” – negative

Full Form	Contraction	Pronunciation
they are not	they aren’t	/ðeɪ’jɑ:nt/
they have not	they haven’t	/ðeɪ ‘hæv.nt /
they had not	they hadn’t	/ðeɪ ‘hæd.nt/
they will not	they won’t	/ðeɪ wəʊnt/
they would not	they wouldn’t	/ðeɪ ‘wʊd.nt/