

Contractions

Contractions are when two or more words are combined by missing out some letters and sounds.

Contractions reflect the way we speak in real life and make text sound less formal.

Read the letter below.

He mustn't be lazy on our
captain's ship! She's
impatient and she'll punish
him if he won't work.

- Re-write it, changing all the contractions to full words.
- How does that change how the letter sounds?
- Work on your Worksheet so you can show your teacher.



Re-read a chapter from your book.

- Pretend you are a pirate from that chapter.
- Write a diary entry about what happened to you. Use as many contractions as you can!
- Write this down on your Worksheet to show your teacher.

ASKING ALL AGENTS!

How do contractions change how the text sounds?
When might it be better to not use contractions?