

KS1 English Quiz - Apostrophes - Contractions (Adding 'Not') (Questions)

This quiz looks at apostrophes for contractions and teaches children about connecting two words, the latter being 'not'. The National Curriculum asks that KS1 children in Year 2 know that they should use an apostrophe to mark when a letter is missing. This section is on all the possible words that add the contraction 'not'. This quiz will improve their understanding of English and literacy.

The shorter way of writing 'is not' is 'isn't'. When you shorten two words like this, it's called a contraction because they are made smaller, or contracted. The apostrophe (') stands for the 'o' that has been left out. We can join 'not' to lots of words.

1. Which of these sentences is correct, with the correct use of a contraction?



- You havent done your homework yet!
- You havenot done your homework yet!
- You haveno't done your homework yet!
- You haven't done your homework yet!

2. These bananas are not ripe. Which of these answers is the contraction for 'are not'?



- arent'
- aren't
- aren'ot
- are'not

3. He won't stop playing his video game. Which of these words is not a contraction for 'not'?



- won't
- hasn't
- don't
- have

4. She is not scared. Which of these contractions is correct for 'is not'?



- is'nt
- Isn't
- isn't
- isnt

5. She has not got much further to travel. Which of these answers is the contraction for 'has not'?



- hasn't
- hasnt
- hasn'ot
- has'nt

6. He was not allowed to eat my cake. Which of these answers is the contraction for 'was not'?



- was'nt
- wasn'tot
- wasn't
- wasn't

7. Hasn't he got a big hat! In the word hasn't, which letter is missing out?



- o
- n
- t
- s

8. Which of these answers is perfect?



- He doesn't want to go on the roller coaster because he isnt very brave and can't handle heights.
- He doesnt want to go on the roller coaster because he isn't very brave and can't handle heights.
- He doesnt want to go on the roller coaster because he isnt very brave and cant handle heights.
- He doesn't want to go on the roller coaster because he isn't very brave and can't handle heights.

9. Which of these answers is perfect?



- He cant cross the bridge because it isn't safe.
- He can't cross the bridge because it isnt safe.
- He can't cross the bridge because it isn't safe.
- He can't cross the bridge because it isnt' safe.

10. She does not like the taste of that yogurt. Which of these contractions is correct for 'does not'?



- doesn't
- does'nt
- does'n't
- doesn't

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Haven't is 'have' and 'not' contracted. The sentence would make sense with the words separated or contracted, it depends on the type of writing you are doing. If this was a serious letter, then you should write the two words out separately and not contract.

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The scientific name for bananas is *musa sapientum*, which means "fruit of the wise men."

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The word 'won't' is 'will not' contracted but as you can see, the word changes slightly - this is something that needs to be remembered.

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You must always include the apostrophe as this represents the missing letter.

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I wonder what she's got on her back.

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Many weddings include a white cake but it was Queen Victoria who had the first white cake, that's why white icing is now called 'royal icing'.

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The word 'hasn't' is 'has' and 'not' pushed together. This style of hat is called a sombrero and can be bought in Mexico.

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There were three contractions in the sentence. Currently, the fastest roller coaster in the world is in Abu Dhabi.

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Remember, sentences can include more than one contraction.

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Yogurt is believed to have originated thousands of years ago in Eastern Europe and Asia.