

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to identify contractions and understand how they are formed.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencil
- Basic understanding of apostrophes and word combinations

Activities

- Introduce the concept of contractions using examples like "can't" (can not) and "I'm" (I am).
- Have the student create their own list of contractions and their expanded forms.
- Play a game where the student identifies contractions in a given sentence.

Third Grade Talking Points

- "A contraction is a short way of writing two words as one. It uses an apostrophe to show that some letters are missing. For example, 'I'm' is a contraction of 'I am'."
- "Contractions help us speak and write more quickly. Instead of saying 'do not', we can say 'don't'."
- "Can you think of other contractions you have heard or used before?"