

Contractions

Hello and welcome back!

Today's lesson is on 'contractions'.

A contraction in English is when two words are joined together and shortened using an apostrophe. The most common use is for subjects are verbs, especially 'to be' and 'to have'.



Examples:

I'm a builder.



We're sisters.



They're very unhappy.



We've got three dogs.



Negative contractions

Contractions are also used to make negatives in English, using auxiliary verbs such as "do", "be" and "have".



Examples:

I don't like Mondays!



My friend doesn't work anymore.



We aren't rich.



They haven't been to the cinema.



Watch out! 

Contractions are not used in short answers.



Q: Are you from Italy?

A: Yes, I am.



Yes, I'm.



Watch out again !



Be careful how you make the contraction.
Usually, the apostrophe takes the place of the vowel.

No, we aren't.



NOT No, we are'nt.



Be

have

do

I

you

he

she

it

them

Be

have

do

I

you

he

she

it

them