

Contractions

2nd Grade

Two words squashed into one.

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do not → don't

do not

The o of not is gone.

don't

I am

The a of am is gone.

I'm

it is

The i of is is gone.

it's

they will

The wi of will is gone.

they'll

THE COMMON MISTAKE

× **its raining**

✓ **it's raining**

it's = it is. Its (no apostrophe) means belonging to it.

The apostrophe is not decoration — it marks the exact spot a letter was removed.