

LEARNING ENGLISH: THE FIRST STEPS

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Part Seven: Contractions (contrações)

Muitos verbos têm formas curtas, usados em conversas.

Por exemplo: "I am happy today" --> "I'm happy today".

Table 1: The verb "to be":

Singular	Plural
I am = I'm	we are = we're
you are = you're	you are = you're
he is = he's	they are = they're
she is = she's	
it is = it's	

Exercise 7a.

Reescreva estas sentenças usando contrações do verbo 'to be'.

Example: _____ a student. (*She is*). --> **She's a student.**

1. _____ happy today. (I am)
2. _____ from Tokyo. (he is)
3. _____ hungry. (we are)
4. _____ at home. (they are)
5. _____ smart students. (we are)
6. _____ a beautiful picture. (it is)
7. _____ sad today. (you are)
8. _____ my book. (it is)
9. _____ good today. (it is)
10. _____ tall buildings. (they are)

Negative Contractions

1. I like pizza. I **don't** like pizza.
2. He walks to work. He **doesn't** walk to work.

Table 2: Present Simple negative contractions:

Singular	Plural
I do not = I don't	We do not = We don't
You do not = You don't	You do not = You don't
He does not = He doesn't	They do not = They don't
She does not = She doesn't	
It does not = It doesn't	

Exercise 7b.

Reescreva estas sentenças usando contrações:

Example: He _____ bread. (not like). --> He doesn't like bread.

1. I _____ in Canada. (not live)
2. She _____ from Russia. (not come)
3. We _____ TV at home. (not watch)
4. She _____ to the gym. (not go)
5. They _____ to watch a movie. (not want)

Negative Contractions - Present Simple, Verb: "to be"

Examples:

She **is not** happy --> She **isn't** happy
We **are not** singers --> We **aren't** singers

Table 3: Negative contractions, the verb 'to be':

Singular	Plural
I am not = I am not I'm not	we are not = we aren't
you are not = you aren't	you are not = you aren't
he is not = he isn't	they are not = they aren't
she is not = she isn't	
it is not = it isn't	

Exercise 7c.

Reescreva estas sentenças usando contrações:

Example: _____ a student. (*She is not*). --> *She isn't a student.*

- _____ happy today. (I am not)
- _____ from Tokyo. (he is not)
- _____ hungry. (we are not)
- _____ at home. (they are not)
- _____ smart students. (you are not)
- _____ a bad picture. (it is not)
- _____ sad today. (you are not)
- _____ my book. (it is not)
- The weather _____ good today. (is not)
- _____ tall buildings. (they are not)

Outras contrações:

- Let us go = Let's go
- That is great! = That's great!
- The book is on the table = The book's on the table
- My name is Peter = My name's Peter
- The weather is cold today = The weather's cold today
- I will go home tomorrow = I'll go home tomorrow