

## SLAC CONTRACTION AID

### ENGLISH CONTRACTIONS

English contractions are usually used in spoken English, but not in formal written English. However, written English is becoming more informal (emails, notes to friends, etc.) and you will often see these forms in print.

Each of the following English contractions includes an explanation of the full form and example sentences to provide context for understanding.

**I'm** --- *I am* --- Example: I'm waiting for my friend.

**You're** --- *You are* --- Example: You're joking!

**He's** --- *He is / has* --- Example: He's on the phone now. OR He's been playing tennis since 10 this morning.

**She's** --- *She is / has* --- Example: She's watching TV at the moment. OR She's had a lot of trouble lately.

**It's** --- *It is / has* --- Example: It's been long time since we saw each other last. OR It's very difficult to concentrate.

**We're** --- *We are* --- Example: We're working hard on the Smith account this week.

**They're** --- *They are* --- Example: They're studying German this afternoon.

For more examples, get on [google.com](http://google.com) and type in standardized English contractions and click on A List of Standard Contractions.

Google: English Contractions

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