

This week you will be learning all about contractions.

Contractions are one or two words that have been shortened. The letters that are missing have been replaced by an apostrophe.

Have a go at reading both the texts on the following pages. One page has contractions and the other does not. Can you see how they have been changed?

Highlight the contractions in the text.

Please read this text

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“What would I do with a computer game?” Susie laughed. “I have not got it. And even if I wanted to steal something from your room, I could not get in there if I tried! Your door does not even close properly because of all the stuff on your floor!”

“Hmmm. You are right. I have not cleaned it in weeks. Mum keeps moaning at me. I told her I had cleaned it last week when actually I had not. Now if she sees it, she will go bonkers!”

Can you spot all the contractions?

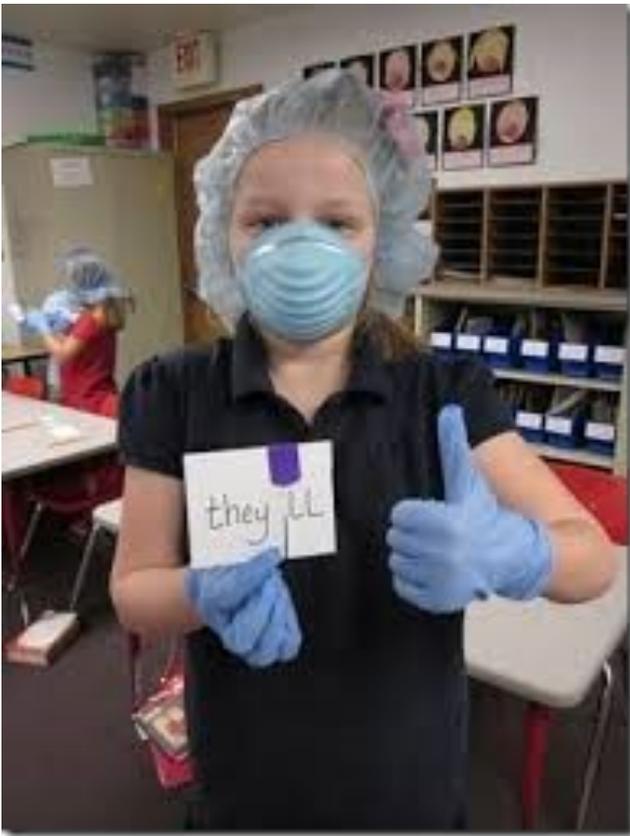
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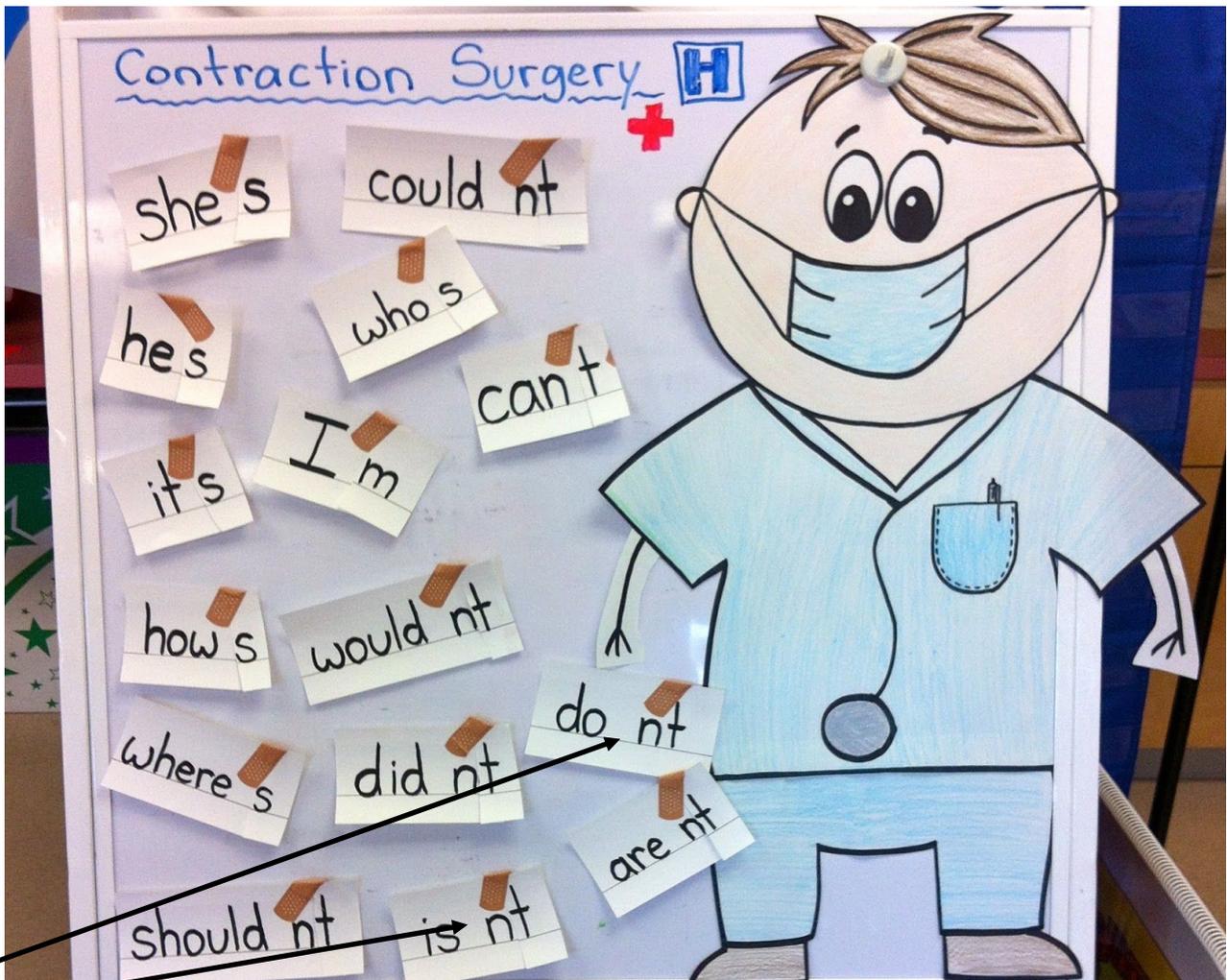
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Now you will be a surgeon and you will perform contractions surgery. You will shorten the words on the bones to their contracted form. We would love for you to dress up and send us in any photos you have taken.

1. Read the words on each bone.
2. Think what the contraction will be.
3. Cut out the bone and cut out the letters that don't need to be there.
4. Use cellotape/ masking tape/ plasters (anything sticky) to join the bones back together but in it's contracted form.
5. Make a display in your house of all the contractions you know and read them regularly so you are familiar with them.



The examples in the picture above have some extra finger spaces in between the words. Ask your grown up to help you remove those spaces.

I am

should have

have not

cannot

you are

I am

can not

it is

you have

they are

what is

she is

are not

does not

would not

could have