

Enrichment Strategy: Identification

“Pin the Word on the Student”

Contractions

This offline enrichment strategy helps students identify the components of familiar contractions. This activity is best completed after students have had a chance to play the online Featured Games for Contractions.

Goal: To help students identify contractions correctly.

What You’ll Need:

- Printer or marker
- Paper
- Tape
- Camera (optional)

What To Do:

1. Print contraction cards (36) on paper (or write your own). Cards are grouped in threes. Before shuffling, make sure you have an appropriate number of full sets. For example, if you have 24 students, use 8 full sets and set aside 4 sets.
2. Cards represent the two main words and their contraction.
3. Read these directions:

- We’re going to play a game called “Pin the Word on the Student”
- I will give each of you a word card to tape to your shirt.
- The word cards come in sets of three. Some are contractions; the others are the words that make up the contractions.
- Your job is to read your word and find the two classmates wearing your matching word cards. For example: “can” and “not” must find “can’t.” [Show students the photo as a reference.]
- After I hand out the cards, tape your card to the front of your shirt. Once everyone is ready, I will say “go!” You will have 30 seconds to find your contraction group.
- When you have found your group, sit down together on the floor so that I know you are finished.

When all play is finished, ask each group to stand up in turn, read their contraction and its component words. (Optional addition: let students take pictures of each group to place on a contractions bulletin board!)

Just In Case:

If students have difficulty with this activity...

- Redistribute the same cards several times, so students have multiple chances for success.
- Let students write their own contraction cards using the blank template provided.

Contractions



do + not = don't

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Cut out cards to tape words on students.

do	not
don't	they
are	they're
could	have
could've	here
is	here's

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let	us
let's	I
will	I'll
you	would
you'd	will
not	won't

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who'll	who
will	she
would	she'd
we've	we
have	wasn't
was	not

