



CONTRACTING 'IS' AND 'HAS'

Fluency Boost - Health & Body
Intermediate (KS3/4)

Learning outcomes: To be able to understand the difference between contracting 'is' and 'has'.

Instructions:



- Print the “Contracting ‘is’ and ‘has’” worksheet (pages 2 and 3).
- Review when ‘has’ and ‘is’ can be contracted as a class.
- Start with activity A, where pupils work out whether ‘is’ or ‘has’ has been contracted in the sentences. This can be done individually or in pairs.
- Ask the pupils to work in pairs to discuss whether the sentences in activity B can be contracted or not. Put a tick if the sentences are equivalent and a cross if they are not.
- Finally, in activity C, pupils can create their own contracted sentences which they read to their partner, who has to guess which verb was contracted.
- Review all activities as a class.

Differentiation:

- ▶ If pupils need more writing practice, pupils can write out the sentences to exercise A out in full on a separate piece of paper, replacing the contraction with both ‘is’ and ‘has’ and deciding which sounds more likely.
- ★ Encourage pupils to write an explanation as to why the sentences can’t be contracted in exercise B.

Materials required:

- One “Contracting ‘is’ and ‘has’” worksheet (page 2 and 3) per pupil.

Tip!

There’s a related FlashAcademy® lesson on when to contract these verbs which can be found at **Intermediate > Health & Body > 's = is or has?**. Encourage pupils to complete this lesson before coming to the lesson.





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Reminder: 'Has' can only be contracted when it is the auxiliary verb in the present perfect tense, for example, in 'It has been raining all afternoon', 'It has' can be contracted to become 'It's been raining all afternoon'.

A

Has 'is' or 'has' been contracted?

The sky's very blue today. _____

She's known me all her life. _____

This toy's very soft. _____

He's going to school early. _____

Paul's never been to London. _____

Sam's feeling sad today. _____

Grace's seen all the superhero movies. _____

Lizzy's often singing. _____

This library's stood for many years. _____

B

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) whether the two sentences are equivalent. Put a cross (x) if the sentences are not the same.

She has a brother. = She's a brother. ☐

She is confident. = She's confident. ☐

The film has finished. = The film's finished. ☐

Where is the carpark? = Where's the carpark? ☐

It has been raining. = It's been raining. ☐

Yes, she is. = Yes, she's. ☐

Is it serious? = 's it serious? ☐

Which country has the tallest mountain? = Which country's the tallest mountain? ☐

He is smiling. = He's smiling. ☐

The family has a fluffy dog. = The family's a fluffy dog. ☐

This book is my favourite. = This book's my favourite. ☐

She has gone shopping. = She's gone shopping. ☐



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C Create your own sentences with some contracted sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Tip!

If you'd like more help with contracting 'is' and 'has', check out the FlashAcademy® lesson **Intermediate > Health & Body > 's = is or has?**.



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