



Short Forms

Read the sentences given below and note the difference.



I am a good girl.
I'm a good girl.

He is my friend.
He's my friend.



In the above sentences

'I am' is written as 'I'm'

and 'He is' is written as 'He's'

They mean the same.

Exercise 1 : Match the words with their short forms :

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| 1. | She is | (a) | I'll 3 |
| 2. | He will | (b) | She's 1 |
| 3. | I will | (c) | He'll 2 |
| 4. | They are | (d) | You're 5 |
| 5. | You are | (e) | They're 4 |

We often combine some words with 'not'. Such short forms are follow :

is not	→	isn't
do not	→	don't
does not	→	doesn't
can not	→	can't
has not	→	hasn't
have not	→	haven't
had not	→	hadn't
did not	→	didn't
will not	→	won't
should not	→	shouldn't

Exercise 2 : Write the short forms of the following :

We will	→	We'll
Is not	→	Isn't
Would not	→	wouldn't
I have	→	I've
Were not	→	weren't
Let us	→	Let's

Exercise 3 : Rewrite the following sentences using short forms of the bold phrases :

1. They **will** go to the market today.

They'll go to the market today.

2. It **is** raining heavily outside.

It's raining heavily outside.

3. She **is** afraid of lizards.

She's afraid of lizards.

4. Let **us** move carefully.

Let's move carefully.

5. He **cannot** jump very high.

He can't jump very high.

6. Students **were not** able to understand the lessons.

Students weren't able to understand the lessons.

7. We **should not** eat junk food.

We shouldn't eat junk food.

8. I **am** going to school everyday.

I'm going to school everyday.

9. I **will** help you.

I'll help you.

10. Rohit **does not** play.

Rohit doesn't play.