Word Shape Shift

Sort contractions and two-word forms.

2.LF.10.o "Decode and encode contractions with am, is, has, not, have, would, and will."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SHORT FORM

A contraction joins two words into one. An apostrophe shows where letters were left out.

we've

TWO WORDS

The words are written separately. There is a space between them instead of an apostrophe.

Dad would

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SHORT or LONG for each item, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1. I'm — SHORT LONG
2. isn't — SHORT LONG
3. she has — SHORT LONG
4. she'll — SHORT LONG
5. do not — SHORT LONG
6. they will — SHORT LONG
7. hasn't — SHORT LONG
8. I am — SHORT LONG

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new SHORT form and one new LONG form.

SHORT _____

LONG _____

CHALLENGE

Write two words with will, then change them to a contraction.

ANSWER KEY # Word Shape Shift

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I'm	**SHORT**	I'm joins I and am with an apostrophe.
2	isn't	**SHORT**	Isn't joins is and not with an apostrophe.
3	she has	**LONG**	She and has are separate words.
4	she'll	**SHORT**	She'll joins she and will with an apostrophe.
5	do not	**LONG**	Do and not are separate words.
6	they will	**LONG**	They and will are separate words.
7	hasn't	**SHORT**	Hasn't joins has and not with an apostrophe.
8	I am	**LONG**	I and am are separate words.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **SHORT**: you've
- **LONG**: Mom is

Challenge: we will, we'll

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify an apostrophe in a contraction or a space between two words. In Part 3, accept other correctly formed examples that are not sort items.