Contraction Check

Sort the words by their apostrophes.

2.5.W.5 "Students will use apostrophes to form simple contractions (e.g., isn't, aren't, can't)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

READY	NEEDS A FIX
This contraction has an apostrophe where letters were taken out. we'll	This contraction is missing an apostrophe where letters were taken out. youre

1 SORT

8 items

For each word, circle READY or FIX; then, for Part 2, choose two numbered words and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1. can't — READY / FIX

2. isnt — READY / FIX

3. dont — READY / FIX

4. hasn't — READY / FIX

5. couldn't — READY / FIX

6. arent — READY / FIX

7. didn't — READY / FIX

8. doesn't — READY / FIX

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

For Part 3, write one new READY contraction and one new FIX contraction without its apostrophe.

READY _____

FIX _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using a contraction for they are, then name the letter the apostrophe replaces.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	can't	**READY**	The apostrophe is in the correct place.
2	isnt	**FIX**	It needs an apostrophe to become isn't.
3	dont	**FIX**	It needs an apostrophe to become don't.
4	hasn't	**READY**	The apostrophe is in the correct place.
5	couldn't	**READY**	The apostrophe is in the correct place.
6	arent	**FIX**	It needs an apostrophe to become aren't.
7	didn't	**READY**	The apostrophe is in the correct place.
8	doesn't	**READY**	The apostrophe is in the correct place.

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)

- **READY**: shouldn't
- **FIX**: mustnt

Challenge: They're at the park. The apostrophe replaces a.

For Part 2, a valid response names two items and explains whether each has or needs an apostrophe. For example, item 1 has its apostrophe, while item 2 needs one to become isn't.