

Join or Shorten

Sort compound words and contractions.

2.2.C.iii "spelling compound words, contractions, and common abbreviations;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

COMPOUND WORD

A compound word joins two complete words to make one new word.

football

CONTRACTION

A contraction is a shorter way to write one or more words. An apostrophe shows where letters are missing.

we'll

1 SORT

8 items

Circle JOINED or SHORT for each word, then choose two words and tell how you knew each choice.

1. sunshine

JOINED

SHORT

2. cupcake

JOINED

SHORT

3. she's

JOINED

SHORT

4. rainbow

JOINED

SHORT

5. we're

JOINED

SHORT

6. didn't

JOINED

SHORT

7. toothbrush

JOINED

SHORT

8. I'm

JOINED

SHORT

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 compound word and one new contraction.

JOINED _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses a compound word and a contraction.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	sunshine	JOINED	It joins sun and shine.
2	cupcake	JOINED	It joins cup and cake.
3	she's	SHORT	It is a contraction with an apostrophe.
4	rainbow	JOINED	It joins rain and bow.
5	we're	SHORT	It is a contraction with an apostrophe.
6	didn't	SHORT	It is a contraction with an apostrophe.
7	toothbrush	JOINED	It joins tooth and brush.
8	I'm	SHORT	It is a contraction with an apostrophe.

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)

- **JOINED:** snowman
- **SHORT:** he's

Challenge: We're building a sandcastle.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other correctly spelled compound words and contractions for Part 3. For the challenge, check that the sentence includes both types and uses the apostrophe correctly.