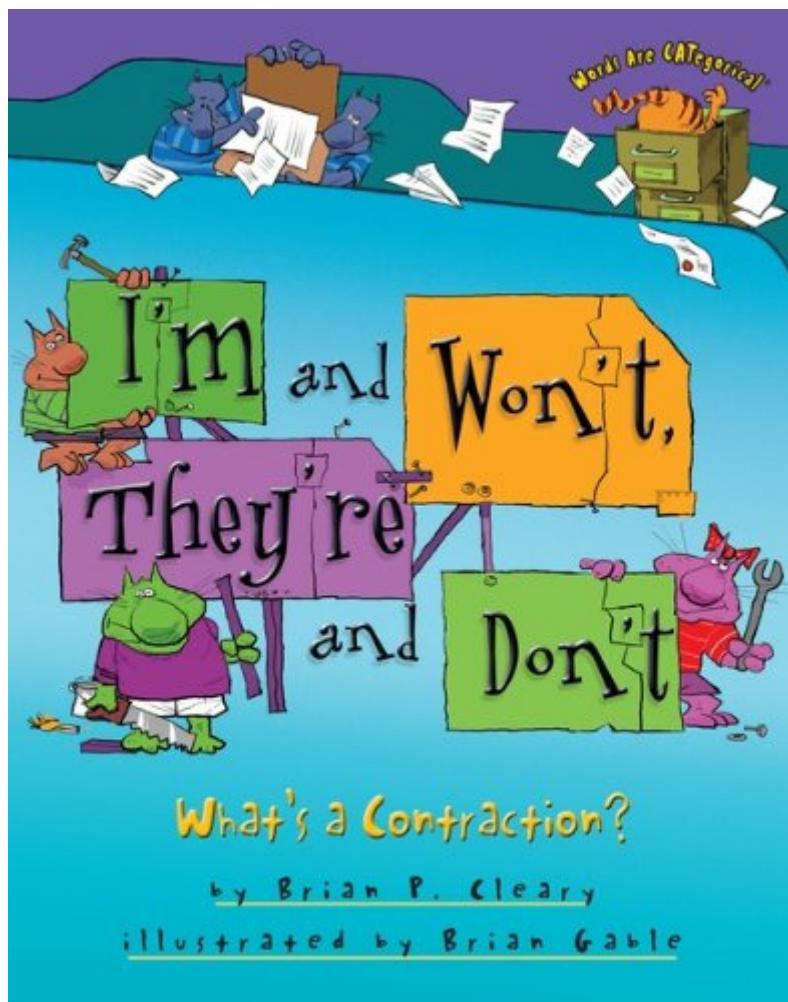


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# I'm And Won't, They're And Don't: What's A Contraction? (Words Are CATegorical ®)



## Synopsis

What's a contraction? You'll find the answer inside this bookâ •it's brimming with contractions! Brian P. Cleary's playful rhymes and Brian Gable's humorous illustrations don't shy away from creatively clarifying the concept of contractions. For easy identification, we've printed the contractions in color. You won't want to miss the comical cats that reinforce each idea. I'm and Won't, They're and Don't: What's a Contraction? turns traditional grammar lesson on end. Read this book aloud and share in the delight of the senseâ •and nonsenseâ •of words.

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If you're a classroom teacher or a homeschooler, you are probably always looking for ways to make grammar easy and fun to learn. As soon as you take a look at the zany CATegorical cats and the way they present the concept of contractions and other English grammar rules and lessons, your students will never be the same again. A few sessions with these cats and even your most reluctant student will be able to tell you all about contractions and how to use them. Each contraction in this book can be easily spotted as they are highlighted in color. A very prim looking CATegorical cat

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