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3. we are = \_\_\_\_\_
4. they are = \_\_\_\_\_
5. he is = \_\_\_\_\_
6. she is = \_\_\_\_\_
7. you will = \_\_\_\_\_
8. are not = \_\_\_\_\_
9. will not = \_\_\_\_\_
10. is not = \_\_\_\_\_

**Write the phrase that each contraction represents.**

1. don't = \_\_\_\_\_
2. I've = \_\_\_\_\_
3. we'll = \_\_\_\_\_
4. they've = \_\_\_\_\_
5. could've = \_\_\_\_\_
6. where's = \_\_\_\_\_
7. won't = \_\_\_\_\_
8. what's = \_\_\_\_\_
9. here's = \_\_\_\_\_
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Student answers will vary. Check for two contractions used correctly.

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