

Contractions

Grammar Cop and the Case of the Grumpy Goose

This goose is fed up and confused — confused about the use of contractions. Can you help her?

DIRECTIONS: A contraction is formed by putting together two words with certain letters left out. For each of the red, numbered word pairs, write the correct contraction in the blanks on the left. We did the first one for you.

1.	you're
2.	_____
3.	_____
4.	_____
5.	_____
6.	_____
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8.	_____
9.	_____
10.	_____
11.	_____
12.	_____
13.	_____



You are probably aware that the game “Duck, Duck, Goose”¹ does not require the participation of an actual goose. Well, some² of the people around here seem to have forgotten that. Lately, no matter where I am, somebody³ is after me. I cannot explain it, but it is driving me crazy!⁴⁵

For example, the other day I was resting behind the barn. I had just finished a delicious crust of bread and could⁶ not have⁷ been feeling more relaxed. Suddenly, the farmer’s boy came by and whacked me on the head.

“Goose!” he yelled and started chasing me around the pond.

“I do not want to play this game!” I screamed as I ran. “Plus,⁸ you are playing it wrong. I’m supposed to chase you!” But he⁹ would not listen. He caught me and demanded that I sit in the¹⁰ mushpot (whatever that is).

Please help me. I will try anything to end this foolishness. We geese are not safe anymore. The best I have been able to do so far¹² is buy a good pair of running shoes!¹³

