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I can identify contracted modal verbs.

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Modal verbs tell us how likely or how necessary something is. Sometimes, when we're spotting modal verbs, it can be easy to miss out contracted modals. These are modal verbs that are contractions - two words joined together. For each of the modal verbs below, write its contracted form(s). The first has been done for you.

Modal Verb

Contracted Modal (not)

Contracted Modal (have)

should

shouldn't

should've

must

can

will

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Take care when deciding which to use in your writing.



The extract below contains a number of modal verbs that would **sound better** written as contracted modals. Circle them, then rewrite the passage below using contracted modals where necessary.

Ben was upset; he knew he might not get all his spellings correct in today's test. He'd really struggled to learn them as he just could not find somewhere quiet to work. In the end, he need not have worried; the test was cancelled so he will not have to do them until the following week.