Fast Five:

Which of these sentences are in **past tense**?

1) My cheese plant is growing far better since I moved it into the sun.
2) Yesterday, I won a swimming race against my brother.
3) I think I'm going to walk to the park today.
4) He changed the tyre on his bike all by himself.

Answers on the next slide

Fast Five:

Which of these sentences are in **past tense**?

1) My cheese plant is growing far better now!
2) Yesterday, I won a swimming race against my brother.
3) I think I'm going to walk to the park today.
4) He changed the tyre on his bike all by himself.

Can I use contractions?

When we looked at formal letters, we didn't use contractions as we needed a more formal tone.

In diaries, as we are mainly writing to ourselves, we can be a bit less formal. This means that we can use contractions.

I just **couldn't** believe my eyes! I **don't** think she realized how upset I was about it. **I'll** have to talk to her tomorrow.

Can I use contractions?

When we use contractions, we drop out some letters from a word and replace them by an apostrophe. The apostrophe always goes where we removed the letters.

Can not → Can ~~not~~ → Can't

I am → I ~~a~~m → I'm

It is → It ~~is~~ → It's

We have → We ~~ha~~ve → We've

I will → I ~~wil~~l → I'll

Can I use contractions?

Change this sentence using contractions so that it has a less formal tone:

I was so happy that she <u>had not</u> forgotten to bring me the tools I needed. <u>I will</u> be able to start work on the repairs tomorrow.

Can I use contractions?

Change this sentence using contractions so that it has a less formal tone:

I was so happy that she **hadn't** forgotten to bring me the tools I needed. **I'll** be able to start work on the repairs tomorrow.

Can I use contractions?

Change this sentence using contractions so that it has a less formal tone:

I tried to call Alice again but I could not reach her. Maybe she had not charged her phone in a while.

Answers on the next slide

Can I use contractions?

Change this sentence using contractions so that it has a less formal tone:

I tried to call Alice again but I **couldn't** reach her. Maybe she **hadn't** charged her phone in a while.