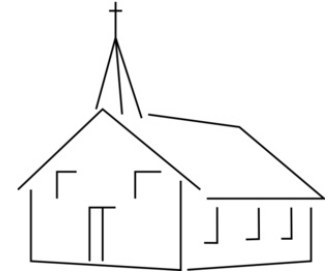


could

should

would

Would you go to church?  
Could you go to church?  
Should you go to church?



You could go to church if you would.  
Yes, you should go to church.

Could, should, and would are often used with the word not.

I would not, could not, should not, tell a lie.

Sometimes would not, could not, and should not,  
are written as a contraction using an apostrophe.

couldn't should't wouldn't

I wouldn't, couldn't, should't, tell a lie.

Sometimes they are used with the word have.  
would have, could have, should have.

I would have, could have, should have told the truth.  
As a contraction they look like this.

would've could've should've

I would've, could've, should've told the truth.

*Use the words could, would, or should to fill in the blanks.*

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ do your homework now.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ you please be quiet?



3. Mother said I \_\_\_\_\_ go to Grandma's.

*Use the contractions couldn't, wouldn't, and shouldn't in the following sentences.*

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ bite your nails.



2. Bob \_\_\_\_\_ go to school today.



3. I \_\_\_\_\_ do that if I were you.

Read the story below. Underline the words

*should*

*shouldn't*

*should've*

*could*

*couldn't*

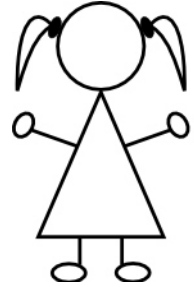
*could've*

*would*

*wouldn't*

*would've*

### The Girl Named Bill



Once there was a girl named Bill.  
She hated her name.

Why couldn't her parents have named her Billie?

They wouldn't call her Billie either.

They could've, but they wouldn't.

They would only call her Bill.

She shouldn't have hated her name so much, but she did.

All the other kids would make fun of her, but they shouldn't have.

She couldn't help that her name was Bill.

Someday Bill thought she would change her name.

What could she change her name to?

She could've changed her name to Bobbie, but she wouldn't.

She knew people would call her Bob.

That would've even been worse.

What should she change her name to?

What about Jill?

That was it!

She could change her name to Jill.

Jill rhymes with Bill.

She should've thought of that before.

*Let's work with contractions.*

The contraction couldn't is made up of two words.  
(could not)

The apostrophe takes the place of the missing letters.

The contraction could've is made up of two words.  
(could have)

Write the two words that make up the following contractions.

wouldn't	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
would've	_____	_____
	-----	-----
	_____	_____
shouldn't	_____	_____
	-----	-----
	_____	_____
should've	_____	_____
	-----	-----
	_____	_____

Draw a line matching the contraction to the two words that make up the contraction.

could have

wouldn't

would have

shouldn't

would not

could've

should not

couldn't

should have

should've

could not

would've