

Payne: a brief grammatical sketch of English

c. She's reasonably happy.
she-is reason-able-ly happy
3SG:F-ser:3SG:NOPAS razón-POT-ADV feliz
'Ella está bastante feliz.'

d. They're defense attorneys.
they-are defense attorney-s
3PL-ser:3PL:NOPAS defensa abogado-PL
'Ellos son abogados para la defensa.'

This contraction does not occur in the past tense.