

CONTRACTIONS

What is a Contraction?

A contraction is really two words squeezed together to make a new word. Some of the letters from one or both of the words go away and a special mark called an apostrophe goes in their place.

Examples:

- **Do + not = don't**
(Notice that the **o** in 'not' is gone. The apostrophe takes its place.)
- **Can + not = can't**
(One **n** and the **o** are gone. The apostrophe takes the place of both.)
- **It + is = it's**
(The apostrophe takes the place of the **i** in 'is'.)
- **They + are = they're**
(The apostrophe takes the place of the **a** in 'are'.)
- **We** - _____
(The ap _____
- **Will** - _____
(The ill _____
place of _____



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Try this!

What is the contraction for **are not**? _____

What is the contraction for **we are**? _____

What does **they're** mean? _____

What does **didn't** mean? _____