

## CONTRACTIONS

### What are Contractions?

A contraction is a special word made by putting together a verb and another word. Every contraction has an apostrophe to show where letters are missing from the original two words.

**Example:** is + not = isn't

Notice that the words are put together but the o is gone.

Look at each contraction to see how the words are put together. An apostrophe shows where a letter is missing:

were + not = weren't, was + not = wasn't, have + not = haven't,  
has + not = hasn't

I + am =  
he + is =  
they + are



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Look at this  
Do you see

Here are  
we + will = we'll      they + will = they'll      he + will = he'll

Be careful with this contraction! It does not follow the rules:  
will + not = won't

### Try this!

1. What is the contraction for does + not?      doesn't    or    does'nt
2. What is the contraction for are + not?      aren't or aren't
3. What two words made the contraction don't?  
don + not    or    do + not
4. What two words made the contraction she'll?  
She + not    or    she + will