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TOPIC: APOSTROPHE HANDOUT

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Apostrophes to form Contractions

- An **Apostrophe (')** is used to contract words.
- It shows where letters are omitted in the word.

E.g. **I have** a pen.

I've a pen.

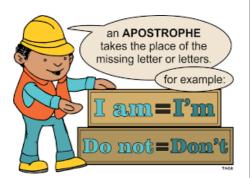
Here 'I' and 'have' are contracted using an apostrophe. The letters 'h' and 'a' are omitted and replaced by an apostrophe.

Similarly,

could not----→ couldn't ('o' is omitted) he is ---→ he's ('i' is omitted) we will ----→ we'll ('w' & 'i' are omitted)

Some unusual contractions-

will + not - won't shall + not - shan't can + not - can't



I. Complete the given table using contractions. Some have been done for you.

	am	is/has	are	have	will
I				I've	
he					
she					she'll
it					
you					you'll
we				we've	
they					

II. Write the negative contractions for the words given below.

could not -	is not -
does not -	had not -
do not -	was not -
are not -	should not -
shall not -	were not -
cannot-	have not-