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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
<b>I</b>		---	----	I've	
<b>he</b>	---		---	---	
<b>she</b>	---		---	---	she'll
<b>it</b>	---		---	---	
<b>you</b>	---	---			you'll
<b>we</b>	---	---		we've	
<b>they</b>	---	---			

**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-