



Apostrophes -to Form Contractions

- An ***Apostrophe*** is placed above the line. (`)
- It shows where letters are missing in a contraction.
- A ***Contraction*** is a shortened version of a word.

- Apostrophes are used in contractions to indicate the place where the letters have been omitted.
E.g. - couldn't for could not, don't for do not, etc.

- Whenever any word is joined with 'not' to form a contraction the letter 'o' is omitted.
E.g.- do not- **don't**

- Whenever any word is joined with 'is' to form a contraction the letter 'i' is omitted.
E.g.- he is- **he's**

- Whenever any word is joined with 'have' to form a contraction the letters 'h' and 'a' are omitted.
E.g.- I have – **I've**

- **Some Unusual Contractions.**
 - * will + not = won't
 - * shall + not = shan't
 - * cannot = can't

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

	am	is/has	are	have	will	would/had
I		X	X			
he	X		X	X		
she	X		X	X		
it	X		X	X		
you	X	X			you'll	
we	X	X				
they	X	X	they're			
who	X			who've		
how	X					how'd

B. Write the negative contractions of the following.

is not		had not	
are not		cannot	
was not		should not	
were not		shall not	
does not		have not	