

# Contractions

A contraction squeezes two words into one. The apostrophe shows what is missing.

The apostrophe takes the place of the letters that are left out.

**can + not** = can't

**I + am** = I'm

## 1 Read the story. Circle every contraction.

### The Lost Shoe

Leo can't find his shoe. "I'm going to be late for my game!" he calls. "Don't worry," says Mom. "It's under your bed." Leo grabs the shoe and runs out the door. "We'll win today!" he shouts. "You're right," says Coach Ana. And they do!



## 2 Squeeze the two words. Write the contraction.

do not → \_\_\_\_\_

I am → \_\_\_\_\_

we will → \_\_\_\_\_

it is → \_\_\_\_\_

you are → \_\_\_\_\_

is not → \_\_\_\_\_

## 3 Which word got shorter? Sort the contractions.

wasn't

we're

he's

didn't

they'll

she'll

not

will

am, is or are

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 4 Fill in the word. (don't) (I'll) (It's) (can't)

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ like green beans.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ time to go home.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ see you after school.

4. She \_\_\_\_\_ find her hat.