

Contractions

The short way of writing
has not is **hasn't**.

The short way of writing
you will is **you'll**.

Remember that the apostrophe
shows that some letters have
been left out when the two words
are joined together.

Now look at these words.

I am	I'm
you are	you're
we are	we're
they are	they're

I have	I've
you have	you've
we have	we've
they have	they've

These shortened words are
called **contractions**. This is
because they are **contracted** or
made shorter.

A Write a contraction in place of the words in bold
type in these sentences.

- 1 Thank you, **we have** had a lovely time.
- 2 I think **I am** getting slimmer.
- 3 The Joneses say that **they are** going to fly to Italy.
- 4 Please let me know when **you have** finished your work.
- 5 **I have** lost my stamp album.
- 6 Please tell Susan that **we are** ready to start.
- 7 We all miss you when **you are** absent from school.
- 8 **They have** been saving up to go to America for ages.

B Write the contractions for the following.
Some are contained in Books 1 and 2.

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| 1 they are | 11 we have |
| 2 it is | 12 they will |
| 3 I have | 13 you are |
| 4 you will | 14 she will |
| 5 I am | 15 they have |
| 6 we will | 16 is not |
| 7 you have | 17 she is |
| 8 he is | 18 cannot |
| 9 we are | 19 he will |
| 10 I will | 20 have not |

C Change these contractions back into two words.

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| 1 isn't | 2 he'll | 3 it's |
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