

CONTRACTIONS

∅ A **contraction** is a word formed by combining two words and omitting one or more letters. We show the **omission of letters by inserting an apostrophe**. One type of contraction combines a pronoun and verb.

> she + is = she's

> who + is = who's

> I + have = I've

> you + have = you've

> I + am = I'm

> we + are = we're

> he + will = he'll

> they + will = they'll

∅ Another type of contraction combines a **verb and the negative word not**.

> cannot = can't

> does + not = doesn't

> are + not = aren't

> is + not = isn't

> did + not = didn't

> will + not = won't

∅ **Do not confuse** contractions with possessive pronouns. For example, the contraction you're sounds like the possessive pronoun your

> You're sorry that you lost your videocassette