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Apostrophes for Contractions

Words can be shortened by missing out letters. These are called **contractions** and the **apostrophe** is used to show us where the letter is missing.
For example – didn't – did not



Task 1

Explain in full the meaning of each of these **contractions**.

hasn't

has not

we've

can't

I'm

wouldn't

she'll

you're

he's

I'll

mustn't

Task 2

Write these words as **contractions**.

I have

it is

she is

they are

could not

he will

we have

does not

should not

had not

Task 3

There are **eight contractions** in this paragraph. **Circle them** and **list them below** and **say what each stands for**. The first one has been done for you.

Dear Emma,

I hope you've received my last letter. If you didn't then it doesn't matter too much as we're coming to visit you. We'll be staying for the week and I've asked Dad if he'll let me stay longer. Weren't we lucky our holidays were the same!

See you soon,

Sally

you've = you have