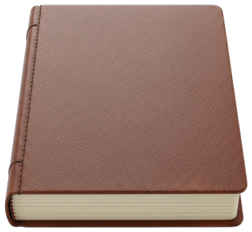
Apostrophes in Contractions

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **contraction** joins two words into one short word. The **apostrophe** (') goes where letters were taken out: *do not* → *don't* (the o is gone).

Careful: *it's* means *it is*. *its* (no apostrophe) means *belonging to it*.



1. Match the contraction

Draw a line from the two words to their contraction.

do not	o	o	she's
I am	o	o	can't
we are	o	o	we're
she is	o	o	it's
can not	o	o	I'm
they will	o	o	you've
it is	o	o	don't
you have	o	o	they'll

Apostrophes in Contractions

Grade 3

2. Where does the apostrophe go?

Circle the contraction that is spelled correctly.

1. does not

- (a) does'nt
- (b) doesn't
- (c) doesnt'

2. we will

- (a) we'll
- (b) wel'l
- (c) well

3. they are

- (a) the'yre
- (b) theyre
- (c) they're

4. is not

- (a) is'nt
- (b) isn't
- (c) isnt

5. I have

- (a) I've
- (b) Iv'e
- (c) Ive

6. would not

- (a) would'nt
- (b) wouldnt'
- (c) wouldn't

Answer Key

Apostrophes in Contractions · Grade 3

1. Match the contraction

do not → **don't**	I am → **I'm**	we are → **we're**
she is → **she's**	can not → **can't**	they will → **they'll**
it is → **it's**	you have → **you've**	

2. Where does the apostrophe go?

1. does not

- a. does'nt
- **b. doesn't**
- c. doesnt'

2. we will

- **a. we'll**
- b. wel'l
- c. well

3. they are

- a. the'yre
- b. theyre
- **c. they're**

4. is not

- a. is'nt
- **b. isn't**
- c. isnt

5. I have

- **a. I've**
- b. Iv'e
- c. Ive

6. would not

- a. would'nt
- b. wouldnt'
- **c. wouldn't**