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LO: to use apostrophes for contractions.

For what reasons do we use apostrophes?

- to show **contraction** - that a word has been shortened.
- to show **possession** - that something belongs to someone.
- for pointless reasons! Generally for plurals.

When we speak we do not always pronounce words fully,  
we shorten them because it is easier.

We use contracted forms e.g. don't instead of do not.

Because **don't** is short for **do not** an apostrophe is put  
where the missing letter was and the letters are pushed  
together.

**don't** → **do not**

What is each of these words short for?

- isn't
- didn't
- won't
- can't
- they'll
- I'd

Remember the apostrophe goes where the missing letters are.

What other contracted words can you think of?

Activity

Complete the activity sheet - matching the contracted form to the right words.

do	not	did	not
it	will	she	will