

Lesson 411

Mechanics - Punctuation - Apostrophes

Use the *apostrophe* in writing *contractions*. The apostrophe shows that a letter or letters have been omitted. A *pronouns* and a *verb* or a verb with the word "not" are the commonest contractions.

Examples:

you are = you're

do not = don't

Some contractions stand for more than one pair of words.

Example:

she is = she's

she has = she's

Three contractions are irregular.

shall not = shan't

will not = won't

cannot = can't

Instructions: Write the *contractions* of the following pairs of words.

1. we are - it is - you have - who is - has not

2. I will - I am - she will - she shall - I shall

3. I have - we shall - they are - are not - did not

4. he is - you will - you are - is not - had not

5. was not - have not - could not - we would - they will

6. should not - does not - there is - they have - you would

7. were not - would not - that is - I had - will not