

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how to use the apostrophe ( ' ) when two words are joined and contracted (shortened). Please help by practising these words with your child. Thank you for your help.

- The apostrophe represents missing letters and not the joining of two words (e.g. I have / I've).
- The apostrophe replaces missing letters and must be placed precisely (e.g. you will / you'll).
- Contractions are used in informal language (how we speak) e.g. within speech marks.
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

<i>(list 2:7)</i>	<b>contraction</b>	<b>Practise 1</b> <i>(copy)</i>	<b>Practise 2</b> <i>(fold and hide)</i>	<b>Can spell word</b> <i>(check and correct)</i>
<b>Spelling tip:</b>	<i>The apostrophe represents missing letters and not the joining of two words (e.g. I <u>have</u> / I've).</i>			
<i>I have</i>	<i>I've</i>			
<i>you have</i>	<i>you've</i>			
<i>we have</i>	<i>we've</i>			
<i>they have</i>	<i>they've</i>			
<i>he has</i>	<i>he's</i>			

<b>Spelling tip:</b>	<i>The apostrophe replaces missing letters and must be placed precisely (e.g. I <u>would</u> / I'd).</i>			
<i>I would</i>	<i>I'd</i>			
<i>you would</i>	<i>you'd</i>			
<i>we would</i>	<i>we'd</i>			
<i>she would</i>	<i>she'd</i>			
<i>they would</i>	<i>they'd</i>			

<b>Spelling tip:</b>	<i>Contractions show how we speak and should be used within speech marks.</i>			
<i>I will</i>	<i>I'll</i>			
<i>you will</i>	<i>you'll</i>			
<i>we will</i>	<i>we'll</i>			
<i>she will</i>	<i>she'll</i>			
<i>they will</i>	<i>they'll</i>			