

## Contractions

*You can use apostrophes to show that you have **omitted** (left out) some letters when you are joining words together.*

*For example, you can join the words 'you' and 'are' together. You + are = you're. The apostrophe takes the place of the removed letters. In this example, the letter a.*

*Sometimes, however, you need to **rearrange** the letters a bit when you contract the words. For example: will + not = won't.*

*Using contractions like these makes your writing easier to read and more friendly.*

Read the passage carefully. Which words could be shortened? Underline the words which could be contracted, using an apostrophe for omitted letters. Write the contracted words at the bottom of the page.

**In the bustling school, children are learning exciting things every day. Teachers help them understand new concepts, and they have got cool friends to share their adventures with. In the classroom, they are solving tricky maths problems and reading awesome stories. During break, they play games, laugh, and have a blast. School is not just about books; it is a place where we grow, learn, and have fun together. I can not wait to see what exciting things they will discover next!**

**Year 5 Writing homework  
Return by Friday 17th January**

Read some pages from a book/  
magazine/ newspaper....

Look for the use of  
contractions – list them on the  
back of this sheet.

Did you spot any non  
contracted forms?