

# Two words into one

You can make new words by squashing two words together and missing out some letters. These new words are called contractions. The animals are learning how to spell them.

two words	contraction
it + is	it's
they + are	they're

The apostrophe shows the position of the missing letter.

Apostrophes look like commas lifted higher up.

The contraction 'won't' is unusual as it is made from 'will not'. Can you help Ant match the rest of these contractions to the words they were made from?

won't  
we're  
she'd  
can't  
wasn't  
I'm  
let's  
doesn't

I am  
does not  
will not  
we are  
let us  
she had  
can not  
was not

Lem and her friends are turning two words into one. Can you help them?

do not don't  
she will \_\_\_\_\_  
we have \_\_\_\_\_  
are not \_\_\_\_\_  
he is \_\_\_\_\_  
did not \_\_\_\_\_

When you have used a contraction, draw a line through it.



Now fill in the gaps below. Choose from the contractions on the cave wall.

\_\_\_ \_\_\_ lost my way!  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ feeling scared!  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ all right.  
\_\_\_ \_\_\_ look after you.



You often use contractions when you are writing down the words that somebody said.

