### Level 6

# This week, we have been learning to read and spell words which are contractions.



# Contractions

Using contractions can make reading, writing or speaking quicker by joining two words together to make one word.

The missing letters are replaced by an apostrophe.

These words are called **contractions**.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{did not} & \longrightarrow & \text{didn't} \\ \text{I am} & \longrightarrow & \text{I'm} \end{array}$ 

# **Common Exception Words**

We have been learning to spell the common exception words aunt and father.

**Focus Words** 

can't

we'd

I've

couldn't

you'll

should've

didn't

could've

#### Grammar

## This week, we have been learning about contractions.



• When we write contractions, an apostrophe is used to show omission (where one or more letters have been taken out).

should have  $\longrightarrow$  should've

Here, the apostrophe shows that 'ha' has been removed.

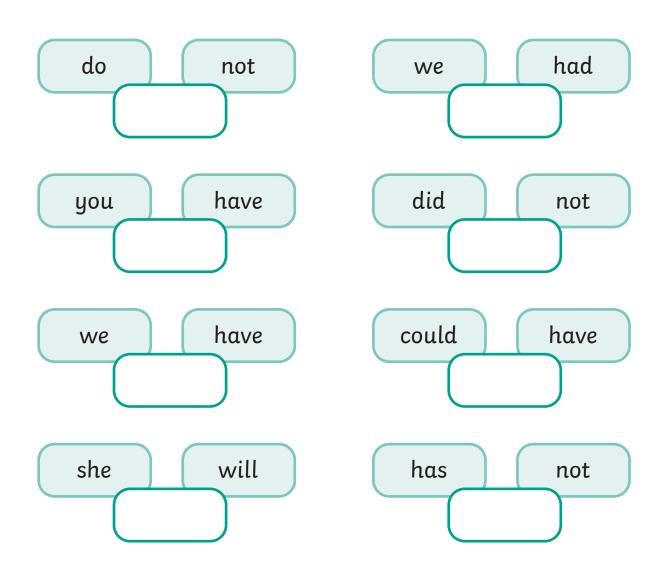
could not → couldn't

Here, the apostrophe shows that 'o' has been removed.

## Contractions



Can you join the two words together to make a contraction? Remember to use an apostrophe.



Can you write one sentence using a contraction?