

# UNIT 18

## Contractions

If something **contracts** it gets **smaller**.



**Contractions** are words that are smaller.

- A letter or letters are **missed out**.
- An **apostrophe** goes in place of the missing letter or letters.

This is an **apostrophe**.



**I am** sorry.

**I'm** sorry.

**I have** lost my book.

**I've** lost my book.



The **o**  
of not  
is missed  
out.

There are lots of **contractions** with **not**.

That **is not** right.

That **isn't** right.

They **have not** arrived.

They **haven't** arrived.

### Focus

**A** Write the *contractions*.

1 is not

2 are not

3 must not

4 do not

5 does not

6 cannot

**B** Write the words that make these *contractions*.

1 wouldn't

2 haven't

3 hasn't

4 wasn't

5 weren't

6 shouldn't

### Practice

Copy the sentences.

Write the coloured words as *contractions*.

- 1 He **has not** found his football.
- 2 They **are not** sure where it is.
- 3 It **is not** under the bush.
- 4 They **have not** looked behind the shed.
- 5 We **do not** know where it is.



### Extension

Write the *contraction* in each sentence.

Next to it, write the words it replaces.

- 1 "The ball's gone into the pond!" shouted Nelson.
- 2 "I'll need a long stick to get it out," said Luke.
- 3 "I'll go and look in the shed," said Nelson.
- 4 "Don't forget to bring a cloth," said Luke.
- 5 "We won't need a cloth," said Nelson.
- 6 "We'll have to dry the ball," said Luke.

