

Light the Not Gate

NOT GATE

The first bridge sign is too long! A contraction joins words and leaves out letters. An apostrophe shows where letters are missing.

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FIELD NOTE

Ariel says: The meaning stays the same. Read the full words, then the contraction.

THE MISSING-LETTER MACHINE

READ

i s n o t

BUILD

i s n ' t

Keep i s n t. The o is missing. Put the apostrophe between n and t.

A1 Write the contraction for: is not

A2 Expand isn't into two words.

Build the bridge words

NOT GATE

Use the model to join each pair. In these words, not becomes n't. Say the two words again to check your answer.

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FIELD NOTE

Alice asks: Which letter is missing from not? Point to the apostrophe after writing.

A3 are not



A4 was not



A5 were not



A6 did not



Unlock Exception Tower



EXCEPTION TOWER

Two special words guard the tower. Learn them as whole spellings: cannot becomes can't; will not becomes won't.

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FIELD NOTE

Won't is a special spelling. Do not try to make willn't. Learn will not → won't together.

THE MISSING-LETTER MACHINE

READ

c a n ~~n~~ ~~o~~ t

BUILD

c a n ' t

Cannot is normally one word. The n o are omitted to make can't. Learn the spelling c a n apostrophe t.

will not → won't | special spelling

D1

Shorten: cannot

D2

Expand: won't

The crossing word chart

Use this chart when you need a spelling clue. Cover the short forms to practice building them; cover the full forms to practice restoring them.



NOT GATE

is not	isn't
are not	aren't
was not	wasn't
were not	weren't
do not	don't
does not	doesn't
did not	didn't
has not	hasn't
have not	haven't

WILL / PLANS

I will	I'll
you will	you'll
we will	we'll
they will	they'll

AM / IS / ARE

I am	I'm
you are	you're
we are	we're
they are	they're
he is	he's
she is	she's
it is	it's

HAVE / NEWS

I have	I've
we have	we've
you have	you've
they have	they've

SPECIAL SPELLINGS

cannot	can't
will not	won't

Check the sentence. Here, he's / she's / it's mean is. Other meanings and possessive apostrophes are outside this lesson.

Answer lanterns: first bridge

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Keep these pages with the adult until the learner has tried each activity. Read full words aloud when a contraction does not make sense.



Readiness

- R1** is not; words copied in order with a space.
- R2** The apostrophe (the middle mark).
- R3** She is underlined; note whether the learner reads independently or with support.

Not Gate

- A1** isn't
- A2** is not
- A3** aren't
- A4** wasn't
- A5** weren't
- A6** didn't
- A7** don't
- A8** doesn't
- A9** hasn't
- A10** haven't
- A11** isn't; o from not is missing.
- A12** aren't; between n and t, where the o from not was omitted.

Correct answers need a correctly placed apostrophe. For an explanation, accept the same idea in the learner's own words.

Answer lanterns: final crossing

GROWN-UP FIELD LEDGER

Use the game answers to offer feedback after a ticket. The final check is a short skill snapshot, not a standardized assessment.



Exception Tower

- D1** can't
- D2** will not
- D3** can't = cannot
- D4** won't = will not
- D5** cannot
- D6** will not
- D7** We are
- D8** cannot; will not
- D9** She is ready with the key!
- D10** I can't go.
- D11** We won't stop.
- D12** Won't means will not. Want means wish for or would like; the sentence's meaning would change.

Repair tickets

- G1** don't
- G2** they are
- G3** I'm
- G4** We've arrived.
- G5** won't
- G6** you will
- G7** can't
- G8** She isn't here.

Final check

- F1** doesn't
- F2** we are
- F3** they'll
- F4** cannot
- F5** I won't go.
- F6** we've; h a from have.

Writing rubric

- P1** Three related sentences; at least three different chart contractions correctly spelled, underlined and used with matching meaning; all three expanded correctly. Accept original ideas.

Writing rubric: three different correct contractions + matching full forms. Revisit the chart and retell the rescue if ideas are hard to start.