

USING APOSTROPHES FOR OMISSION

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

- Apostrophes can be used to show where letters have been left out of (omitted from) words. *E.g. who is = who's*

ACTIVITY A

Identify the words that can be contracted (shortened) by underlining them with a coloured pencil, then rewrite the passage so it does not sound so formal.

If you have nothing better to do with your free time, you are welcome to come and stay with us. You cannot imagine what fun we have here! I am not exaggerating when I say that it will be the best experience of your life! You will make new friends and they will remain your friends for life. Mr Toob, who is camp coordinator, is great! He has had many years experience and he will ensure that you have the time of your life! I have been to camp every summer for five years now and I am still finding something new to do every day. If you have not been to camp before, you should not worry as it is not a frightening experience and, if you feel afraid of any task, you do not have to try it. You need not buy expensive equipment either as we will provide everything you will need. It will be great to see you!

ACTIVITY B

Contract the following words:

Does not	We are	I am	We are	He is
Have not	They have	I will	They have	You will
When is	We would	Let us	We would	It will
Cannot	She would	Will not	They have	You are
They will	Would not	Do not	We will	Shall not

ACTIVITY C

Now write this passage, filling in the gaps with the necessary words. Be careful, some of them don't require a contraction!

_____ the most popular actress of this decade? _____ about to find out! _____ pretty obvious that she is a person _____ acting skills equal her beauty. _____ guess might include people like Daisy Ridley or Emma Watson, and, of course, _____ very glamorous actresses. However, _____ one woman _____ head and shoulders above the rest. Film fans would all agree that _____ favourite actress is Jennifer Lawrence, _____ comedy acting is all that _____ talking about!