

# Apostrophes for omission (show that letters are missin')

Sometimes, writers try to show accent using apostrophes in this way:

Some people in Dorset, say wa'er.



The desert is 'ot.



Do + not ❌

they + are

**Don't** be afraid of contractions in language; **they're** just two words squeezed together.



You've got to use an apostrophe, because I'm hungry.

The apostrophe replaces the missing letter(s):

I am = I'm They would = They'd who is = who's you + will = you'll (**pronouns + verbs**)

is + not = isn't can + not = can't (**negation**)

This **student's** pleased, because they know how to use apostrophes.

student + is

