

# Apostrophes

When and when not to use them.

Apostrophes can be used to show  
missing letters.

I cannot come to the party.

I can't come to the party.

*Cannot* becomes ***can't***.

The apostrophe shows that there are letters  
missing.

# More examples of apostrophes for contraction.

Jack would not play with his baby brother.

Jack *wouldn't* play with his baby brother.

Emma did not want to eat the unhealthy chocolate cake.

Emma *didn't* want to eat the unhealthy chocolate cake.

# What do these words become when you shorten them?

have not

haven't

they will

they'll

shall not

shan't

I have

I've

you are

you're