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## Unit 3 VERBS

### Lesson 27: Contractions with *Not* (pp. 120–123)

#### Remember

A **contraction** is a word formed by joining two words, making one shorter word. A contraction is often made up of a verb combined with the word *not*. An apostrophe (') takes the place of any letters that are left out.

Notice how the contractions for *cannot* and *will not* are formed. In *cannot*, both an *n* and the *o* are dropped. In *will not*, the spelling changes.

Read each sentence. Write a contraction for each pair of words in **boldface**.

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| 1. Our family <b>has not</b> gone to the park once this summer.             | hasn't    |
| 2. You <b>should not</b> run with scissors!                                 | shouldn't |
| 3. Jeb and I <b>will not</b> finish the project until Friday.               | won't     |
| 4. Columbus, of course, <b>had not</b> really reached Asia.                 | hadn't    |
| 5. I just <b>can not</b> do that many sit-ups.                              | can't     |
| 6. That <b>was not</b> a great horned owl, was it?                          | wasn't    |
| 7. The smoke alarm <b>did not</b> have working batteries.                   | didn't    |
| 8. The weather <b>is not</b> warm enough for softball practice.             | isn't     |
| 9. According to the doctor, Dara <b>does not</b> have the flu.              | doesn't   |
| 10. There <b>are not</b> five syllables in <i>foliage</i> .                 | aren't    |
| 11. You <b>must not</b> feed the elephants at the zoo.                      | mustn't   |
| 12. Uncle Frank <b>would not</b> have left his house unlocked.              | wouldn't  |
| 13. The floodwaters <b>have not</b> reached our street yet.                 | haven't   |
| 14. Most of the trumpet players <b>were not</b> able to hit the high notes. | weren't   |
| 15. Poor Jake <b>could not</b> get through the little basement window.      | couldn't  |