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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**.

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