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- An apostrophe shows where one or more letters have been left out.
- Some contractions are made by combining a verb with the word *not*.

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## Replace the underlined words with contractions. Write the new sentences on the lines.

- **1.** There <u>are not</u> any clouds today.
- 2. The rain has not fallen yet.
- 3. We have not been for a walk.
- **4.** You do not need to rake the leaves.
- 5. Snow is not in the weather forecast.

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Read the paragraph and find the mistakes in the contractions. Rewrite the paragraph correctly on the lines.

Theres a big pile of leaves by my house. I havent had a chance to jump in it yet. I cant wait until after school today. My friend Liza said sh'ed play in the leaves with me. We couldn't play yesterday because the leaves were not ready. They are ready today, and so am I!

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## A. Underline the two words in each sentence that could be used to form a contraction.

- **1.** It is not hard to find amazing things in nature.
- 2. I have not found the fallen tree yet.
- 3. We can not wait for him to take us on a walk.
- 4. I would not take that path because of the mud.
- **5.** She would get muddy feet on the path.
- 6. He could not clean his boots.
- **7.** There is a better path than that.
- 8. We are not in a hurry.
- B. Write the contractions from above on the lines below.

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