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ESL at STM

Contractions

Definitions:

- “Contract” means to “make smaller”
- In English, contractions are words combined into a single word
- ex. *I am --> I'm, they are --> they're, do not --> don't*
- Contractions usually involve auxiliary (“helper”) verbs (see handout)

aren't	can't
doesn't	don't
hasn't	he'd
he's	I'm
I've	isn't
musn't	she'd
she'll	shouldn't
they'll	they're
wasn't	we'd
we'll	who's
won't	wouldn't
you're	you've

Re-write the sentence using a contraction

<i>I will do the dishes later.</i>	
<i>Who is at the door?</i>	
<i>He does not have any.</i>	
<i>You will be happy.</i>	
<i>You think I am crazy?</i>	
<i>You are crazy!</i>	
<i>You will not believe it!</i>	
<i>Do you not believe me?</i>	
<i>I like that she is nice.</i>	
<i>They should not go.</i>	
<i>We will follow up later.</i>	
<i>I will see that they will finish.</i>	