Worksheet 1



**Contractions** are formed when words are shortened and combined with an **apostrophe** to make a new word that means exactly the same thing!

For example: **don't** is short for **do not I'll** is short for **I will** 

Can you see how some letters were taken out and replaced by an apostrophe?

- In the sentences below, the contractions are **underlined**. Rewrite the contractions in their longer form like in the examples above.
- a. What's your name, boy?
- **b.** "I <u>don't</u> know," said their mother.
- c. We've already got two farm dogs.
- **d.** <u>He's</u> such a nice dog.
- e. <u>I'll</u> let him stay one week.
- f. Paddy <u>didn't</u> mean to cause any trouble.
- g. Paddy, you're a good swimmer.
- h. <u>I've</u> changed my mind.
- 2. Brainstorm as many contractions that you can think of:

