Unit 18  Contractions

Contractions are joined words with a letter or letters missing. An apostrophe is put in the place of the missing letters. Contractions are mainly used in spoken language. Contractions are often used to link a verb with not.
Example: is not / isn’t

The contraction of will not is won’t, because the Old English word for will was wuol. The contraction of cannot is can’t.

Checkpoint!

1. Write the contractions on the lines below.
   had not               does not               he will               they are
   could not             should not              I will               I will
   have not              was not                 we are               you would
   are not               were not                hers is              they will
   do not                has not                 I am                 she is
   cannot                will not                he would             you will
   he has                they had

Contractions can also be formed from other words.
Example: you have / you’ve

2. Write the contractions on the lines below.
   I had               he had
   you are             I would
   she will            you have
   I have              there is
   that is             they would

Rewrite each sentence using contractions wherever possible.

a. He has brought his own bat.
   Hes got his own bat.

b. They had left early to catch the last train.
   They got left early to catch the last train.

c. You are standing on my foot!
   You are stepping on my foot!

d. She will be waiting in the car park in front of the entrance.
   She will be waiting in the car park in front of the entrance.

e. Sarah and Tahlia are not able to come.
   Sarah and Tahlia aren’t able to come.

f. Travis will not be here until ten thirty.
   Travis won’t be here until ten thirty.

g. There is no time to lose.
   There isn’t time to lose.

h. I have a brought a disposable camera.
   I have a brought a disposable camera.

i. You had better not tell him that!
   You had better not tell him that!

j. Where is your hat?
   Where’s your hat?