

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY: Recognizing Contractions

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Contractions are two words that are combined. When the words are joined, they omit one or more letters. An apostrophe (') takes the place of the missing letter(s). In "Jamie and the Spooky Owl," the author uses several contractions. Reread "Jamie and the Spooky Owl" and look for contractions. On the chart below, write each contraction and the two words that are combined to make the contraction.

Contraction	Words the contraction stands for
don't	do not

- What did you notice about the contractions?

- Go back to the story, "Jamie and the Spooky Owl," and replace each contraction with the two words that it stands for. Does it still sound right?