

Apostrophes - Missing Letters

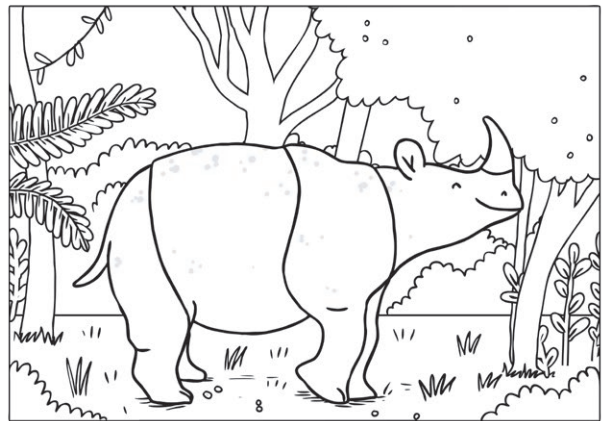
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- e. theyll _____
- f. weve _____



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- c. I will _____
- d. he would - he'd
- e. she would _____
- f. they would _____
- g. they have - they've
- h. we have _____



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3. Can you find any other examples of contracted words in the 'Ronald the Rhino' story? Make a list below:

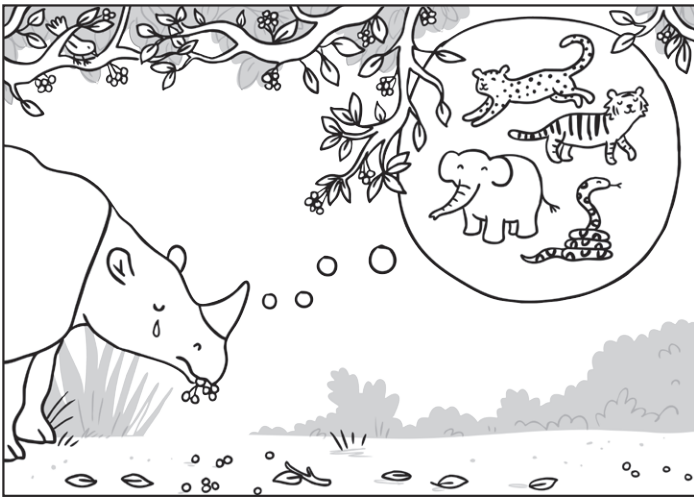
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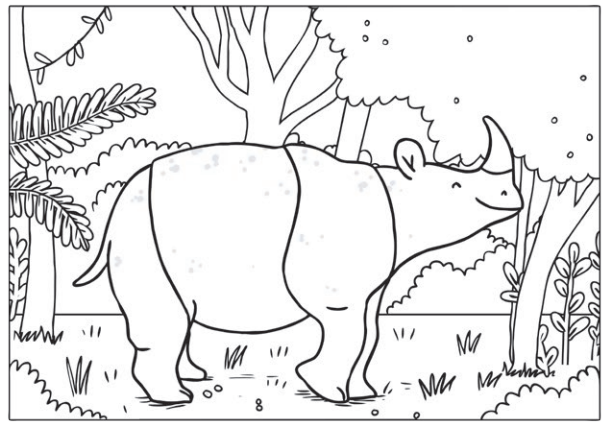
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Challenge Task

Change these words so they are contracted and then use each contraction in a sentence:

- are not - *aren't*
- cannot - *can't*
- will not - *won't*
- they are - *they're*
- they will - *they'll*
- it is - *it's*
- that is - *that's*
- he will - *he'll*
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Write your sentences here:

Accept any answer that includes a contraction used correctly.

Example Answers:

- *It's my birthday.*
- *That's a nice coat.*
- *He'll be out to play shortly.*
- *She'd like a piece of pizza.*