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ACTIVITY SHEET

Practise and consolidate your learning about contractions and nouns by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes for this episode if you need help.

EPISODE 9: WHALE SHARKS

ACTIVITY 1

Form and write in the correct contraction using the infinitive verb in brackets.

- 1. As you can see, the streets (be) filled with people celebrating the rugby win.
- 2. Does she speak mandarin? No, she (do).
- 3. Their travel plans (will not) be delayed.
- 4. They (have) put a deposit on the home, but the owner changed his mind about selling.
- 5. Jane (be) not going to the party because she hasn't been invited.
- 6. Did you say there (will) be a test tomorrow?
- 7. The boys (have) gone on the excursion.
- 8. We missed the train because we (have) slept in.
- 9. They (might not) go hiking because of the weather.
- 10. his brothers are fighting again. No, they (be not).



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ACTIVITY 2

Match the questions on the left with an appropriate answer on the right. Practise pronouncing the contractions.

The first one has been done for you.

1.	How's	s the	weath	er?

2. When're they going?

3. Who's that man?

4. Weren't you out jogging?

5. What've you been doing?

6. When'll I see you again?

7. How's business?

8. Don't you like beer?

9. Where's the party?

10. Haven't you finished eating?

I'll come by this afternoon.

No, I've just started.

It's at Bill's place.

I can't stand it.

I've been studying for my science test.

Don't know. I haven't been out.

He's my English teacher.

I couldn't find my running shoes.

I suppose it's OK.

They've got to be at the airport by 5:00 pm.







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word

ACTIVITY 3

belief

advice

Choose a noun from the box below to complete the sentences. Add final -s or -es if necessary.

jewellery

experience

	weather luggage furniture sugar music
1.	Sue's increased her vocabulary by learning several every day.
2.	The counsellor's given me some good about my study plan.
3.	You have a lot of It won't fit in your new apartment.
4.	The festival is on again. I've always enjoyed it because of the variety of different
5.	In the summer months, Queensland gets heavy rains, strong winds, thunder and lightning. So, you can say the state has bad
6.	We went trekking in the Himalayas in Nepal, and had many interesting
7.	I take two with my coffee. I have a sweet tooth.
8.	You're only allowed to take two pieces of on to the plane.
9.	Did you notice Mary's wearing two rings, a bracelet, earrings and a watch? Yes, she likes
10	.The ancient tribe has many – in ghosts, gods, spirits and the supernatural.



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ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

- 1. As you can see, the **streets're** filled with people celebrating the rugby win.
- 2. Does she speak mandarin? No, she doesn't.
- 3. Their travel plans **won't** be delayed.
- 4. They'd put a deposit on the home, but the owner changed his mind about selling.
- 5. Jane's not going to the party because she hasn't been invited.
- 6. Did you say there'll be a test tomorrow?
- 7. The boys've gone on the excursion.
- 8. We missed the train because we'd slept in.
- 9. They mightn't go skiing because of the weather.
- 10. His brothers are fighting again. No, they aren't.



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ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. How's the weather? Don't know. I haven't been out.

2. When're they going? They've got to be at the airport by 5:00 pm.

3. Who's that man? He's my English teacher.

4. Weren't you out jogging? I couldn't find my running shoes.

5. What've you been doing? I've been studying for my science test.

6. When'll I see you again?

I'll come by this afternoon.

7. How's business? I suppose it's OK.

8. Don't you like beer? I can't stand it.

9. Where's the party? It's at Bill's place.

10. Haven't you finished eating? No, I've just started.

Pronunciation of the contractions

1. How's /hauz/ the weather? Don't know. I haven't /hævnt/ been out.

2. When're /wεnə/ they going? They've /ðeɪv/ got to be at the airport by 5:00 pm.

3. Who's /huz/ that man? He's /hiz/ my English teacher.

4. Weren't /w3nt/ you out jogging? I couldn't /kvdnt/ find my running shoes.

5. What've /wptev/ you been doing? I've /aɪv/ been studying for my science test.

6. When'll /wɛnl/ I see you again? I'll /aɪl/ come by this afternoon.

7. How's /hauz/ business? I suppose it's /rts/ OK.

8. Don't **/dount/** you like beer? I can't **/kant/** (Australian English), **/kænt/** (Australian English, North American English),

/kpnt/ (British English) stand it.

9. Where's /wɛəz/ the party? It's /rts/ at Bill's place.

10. Haven't /hævnt/ you finished eating? No, I've /aɪv/ just started.



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 3

Choose a noun from the box below to complete the sentences. Add final -s or -es if necessary.

belief weather	advice	experience furniture	jewellery sugar	word music	
weather	luggage	furniture	sugar	music	

- 1. Sue's increased her vocabulary by learning several words every day.
- 2. The counsellor's given me some good advice about my study plan.
- 3. You have a lot of **furniture**. It won't fit in your new apartment.
- 4. The festival is on again. I've always enjoyed it because of the variety of different **music**.
- 5. In the summer months, Queensland gets heavy rains, strong winds, thunder and lightning. So, you can say the state has bad **weather**.
- 6. We went trekking in the Himalayas in Nepal, and had many interesting experiences.
- 7. I take two sugars with my coffee.
- 8. You're only allowed to take two pieces of **luggage** on to the plane.
- 9. Did you notice Mary's wearing two rings, a bracelet, earrings and a watch? Yes, she likes **jewellery**.
- 10. The ancient tribe has many **beliefs** in ghosts, gods, spirits and the supernatural.

