

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.

ACTIVITY 1

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

Question 1:

As you can see, the streets (be) filled with people celebrating the rugby win.

Question 2:

Does she speak mandarin? No, she (do).

Question 3:

Their travel plans (will not) be delayed.

Question 4:

They (have) put a deposit on the home, but the owner changed his mind about selling.

Question 5:

Jane (be) not going to the party because she hasn't been invited.

Question 6:

Did you say there (will) be a test tomorrow?

Question 7:

The boys (have) gone on the excursion.

Question 8:

We missed the train because we (have) slept in.

Question 9:

They (might not) go hiking because of the weather.

Question 10:

His brothers are fighting again. No, they (be not).

ACTIVITY 2

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

1. How's the weather?	I'll come by this afternoon.
2. When're they going?	No, I've just started.
3. Who's that man?	It's at Bill's place.
4. Weren't you out jogging?	I can't stand it.
5. What've you been doing?	Don't know. I haven't been out.
6. When'll I see you again?	I've been studying for my science test.
7. How's business?	He's my English teacher.
8. Don't you like beer?	I couldn't find my running shoes.
9. Where's the party?	I suppose it's OK.
10. Haven't you finished eating?	They've got to be at the airport by 5pm.

ACTIVITY 3

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

belief	advice	experience	jewellery	word
weather	luggage	furniture	sugar	music

Question 1:

Sue's increased her vocabulary by learning several _____ every day.

Question 2:

The counsellor's given me some good _____ about my study plan.

Question 3:

You have a lot of _____ It won't fit in your new apartment.

Question 4:

The festival is on again. I've always enjoyed it because of the variety of different _____.

Question 5:

In the summer months, Queensland gets heavy rains, strong winds, thunder and lightning. So, you can say the state has bad _____.

Question 6:

We went trekking in the Himalayas in Nepal, and had many interesting _____.

Question 7:

I take two _____ with my coffee. I have a sweet tooth.

Question 8:

You're only allowed to take two pieces of _____ on to the plane.

Question 9:

Did you notice Mary's wearing two rings, a bracelet, earrings and a watch? Yes, she likes _____.

Question 10:

The ancient tribe has many _____ – in ghosts, gods, spirits and the supernatural.

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 might**n't** go skiing because of the weather.
10. His brothers are fighting again. No, they **aren't**.

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 5pm.
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.



ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2 - continued

Pronunciation of the contractions

1. How's **/hə z/** the weather? → Don't know. I haven't **/hævnt/** been out.
2. When're **/w nə/** they going? → They've **/ðe v/** got to be at the airport by 5pm.
3. Who's **/huz/** that man? → He's **/hiz/** my English teacher.
4. Weren't **/w nt/** you out jogging? → I couldn't **/k dnt/** find my running shoes.
5. What've **/w təv/** you been doing? → I've **/ə v/** been studying for my science test.
6. When'll **/w nl/** I see you again? → I'll **/ə l/** come by this afternoon.
7. How's **/hə z/** business? → I suppose it's **/ ts/** OK.
8. Don't **/do nt/** you like beer? → I can't **/kənt/** (Australian English), **/kænt/** (Australian English, North American English), **/k nt/** (British English) stand it.
9. Where's **/w əz/** the party? → It's **/ ts/** at Bill's place.
10. Haven't **/hævnt/** you finished eating? → No, I've **/ə v/** just started.

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 3

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

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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.