• A **contraction** is a shortened form of two words.

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- he has = he’s
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- it has = it’s
- it is = it’s

Rewrite each sentence and replace the underlined words with a contraction.

1. **We are** learning about animal homes.

2. **They are** different for each kind of animal.

3. **It is** important for animals to have the right place.

4. **I am** fascinated by many of the animals’ homes.

5. **My brother says that he has** seen an otter’s home on the river bank.

6. **He is** hoping to see the otter come out of it.

7. **We are** bringing a camera to the river.

8. **You are** going to get copies of any pictures!
• Remember, a contraction is a shortened form of two words. Here are some contractions:
  I have = I’ve  
  I will = I’ll  
  we will = we’ll  
  you have = you’ve  
  he will = he’ll  
  you will = you’ll  
  we have = we’ve  
  she will = she’ll  
  they will = they’ll  
  they have = they’ve

Underline the two words in each sentence that you can make into a contraction. Then write each sentence with the contraction.

1. We have seen two beavers building a home in our pond.

2. It will be fun to watch them work.

3. You will see them when you come over.

4. I have read about beavers and their homes.

5. She will find branches for their home.

6. He will build with branches and mud.

7. They will build an underwater door to their home.

8. They have lots of building to do!
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Complete each sentence with a contraction that makes sense. Put apostrophes in the correct place in each contraction.

1. ____________ possible that you may have an animal home near your home.
2. ____________ lucky if you find one.
3. ____________ spent a lot of time watching the animals near my home.
4. ____________ had birds’ nests in our trees.
5. My neighbor said ____________ seen rabbit holes near his yard.
6. Now ____________ watching two squirrels build a nest in a tree.
7. Mom said that ____________ supposed to look like a bird’s nest.
8. Right now ____________ carrying up twigs and moss.
9. ____________ make sure that you are told about the squirrels’ progress.
10. ____________ be fun to watch the squirrels work!
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A. Proofreading

Proofread the paragraph. Circle any incorrectly written contractions.

I'm hoping to become a zoologist someday. That is someone who studies animals. Until then I can learn a lot by just watching the animals that live all around me. There are plenty of rabbits in our backyard. They've built their warren near our fence. I've seen a rabbit hop across the yard. Then suddenly it's gone. It's jumped down the hole into the warren. I can guess what it's like inside. It's got several entrances. They lead down long tunnels. Then they've got nests at the end of the tunnels.

B. Writing Activity

Rewrite the paragraph. Write each contraction with the apostrophe in the right place. Make sure possessive pronouns and contractions are used correctly.
A. Is the underlined contraction correctly written? Write yes if it is. Write no if it is not.

1. Were buying a new cage for our hamster. ______________

2. Its going to have tunnels for him to crawl through. ______________

3. He’s going to have a lot of fun playing in the tunnels. ______________

4. It’ll be like the tunnels he would dig in the desert. ______________

5. I’m looking forward to seeing him play. ______________

B. Write the contraction for the underlined words.

6. You are not going to believe this. ______________

7. We have got an owl living in a tree in our yard. ______________

8. It is the biggest bird I have ever seen. ______________

9. You will have to come over and see it sometime. ______________

10. My sister says she is going to videotape it flying. ______________

11. I hope it will stay all summer. ______________

12. It is very fun to watch it fly. ______________