

Grammar Activity – Contractions

Contractions are a very common part of spoken language. They are correct and are not slang forms. Using contractions in writing, in a kind of spoken 'voice,' is very common and is usually acceptable in emails.

Look at the following sentences from the audio. Can you quickly recognize the meaning of the contracted forms? (You may need to look at the transcript in the appendix to see the full meaning of the sentences.)

Write each word in full form. Challenge yourself to complete the activity in less than five minutes. The first one has been done for you. (*Answers can be found in the appendix.*)

1. Rick, I'm not sure if it's my favourite example... [0:20]
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2. ... and it's actually things that we've talked about... [0:20]
3. I'll get to it later, it's a big project, I hope I'll finish it... [0:20]
4. I haven't started this thing that's due in June. [0:20]
5. Oh boy, I'm flashing back to university... [1:05]
6. ... often when I talk to someone who's a procrastinator... [1:20]
7. ... she said, "I don't often know where to start,"... [1:20]
8. ... sometimes even if you're really going to get paid ... [2:08]
9. Another question I'd have about that ... [3:27]
10. But you can't get everything done and you'll absolutely ... [3:35]