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- Add **-s** to most present-tense verbs when the subject is one of the singular pronouns *he, she, or it*. Do not add **-s** to present-tense verbs when the subject is *I, we, you, or they*.
- Some **indefinite pronouns** are singular; others are plural. Some can be plural or singular. When an indefinite pronoun is used as a subject, the verb must agree with it.

Read each sentence. Underline the subject of the sentence. Then write the correct present-tense form of the verb in parentheses on the line provided.

1. I (enjoy) reading books about space exploration. _____ **enjoy**
2. We (own) dozens of them at home. _____ **own**
3. As a matter of fact, they (have) their own shelves. _____ **have**
4. Some (interest) me more than others. _____ **interest**
5. One of my favorites (tell) the story of a young astronaut. _____ **tells**
6. She (write) about her many years of preparation. _____ **writes**
7. Everyone (know) how difficult that program can be. _____ **knows**
8. Sometimes it (take) many years to complete the training. _____ **takes**
9. My sister and I (hope) to see a rocket launch some day. _____ **hope**
10. In the meantime, she and I (continue) to read about them in books. _____ **continue**

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- A **contraction** is a shortened form of two words.
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Read each sentence. Underline the contraction in each one. On the line provided, write the pronoun and verb used to form the contraction.

1. "Tell me when you're ready," Dad said. you are
2. "I'm almost done," I replied. I am
3. "Hurry up, or you'll be late for school," he shouted. you will
4. He's always telling us to do things faster. He is
5. "I'll go start your mother's car," he said. I will
6. I replied, "She's not ready yet, either!" She is
7. "We're in no rush," Mom called from her room. We are
8. "I've heard that before, and we always end up being late." I have
9. Mom replied, "That's not true, and you know it." That is
10. Who's going to be the last one out the door this time? Who is

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- An **abbreviation** is a shortened form of a word. Most abbreviations begin with a capital letter and end with a period: *Dr., Mr., Ms., Mrs., Jr., St., Rd., Blvd.*
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Read each sentence. Underline each word that can be abbreviated. Then write the correct abbreviation on the line provided.

1. Mister Howard Riley will visit the dentist today. _____ **Mr.**
2. He is one of Doctor Merrick's new patients. _____ **Dr.**
3. His son, Howard Junior, also has an appointment. _____ **Jr.**
4. The office is on Spring Street in Medfield. _____ **St.**
5. Most visitors drive along Harbor Avenue to find parking. _____ **Ave.**
6. The new garage on Cliff Road opened last week. _____ **Rd.**
7. The dentist has a second office in Concord, New Hampshire. _____ **NH**
8. He also treats patients at a hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. _____ **MA**
9. A study by Professor Bea Wilby compared several dentists. _____ **Prof.**
10. She included doctors from the New York-New Jersey area. _____ **NY-NJ**

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Proofread the paragraph. On the lines below, correct mistakes in pronoun usage and abbreviations.

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A. Read each sentence. Choose the word in parentheses that will best complete the sentence. Write your answer on the line provided.

1. (You'll, You're) enjoy the new water park. _____ **You'll** _____
2. It (feature, features) the longest slide in the state. _____ **features** _____
3. My family and I (plans, plan) to go this weekend. _____ **plan** _____
4. (We'll, It's) have a great deal of fun. _____ **We'll** _____
5. If you (want, wants) to join us, let me know. _____ **want** _____
6. (I'm, I'll) ask my parents if there's room in the car. _____ **I'll** _____

B. Rewrite the sentences below using abbreviations and contractions where possible.

7. You will need to ask your parents for permission first.
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8. They are at a meeting near the Franklin Avenue shopping plaza.
They're at a meeting near the Franklin Ave. shopping plaza.

9. Mister Brown parked the family's car near the Rice Street intersection.
Mr. Brown parked the family's car near the Rice St. intersection.

10. He is worried that his meeting with Doctor Paige may run late.
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