

**Skill Reminder** • A **contraction** is a short way to write two words. An apostrophe (') takes the place of the missing letter or letters. The two words, usually a pronoun and a form of the verbs *be* and *do*, are joined together.

► Write the two words that make up each contraction.

1. We're studying earth science in school. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Isn't the Earth always changing? \_\_\_\_\_

3. I don't think earth science is boring at all! \_\_\_\_\_

4. It's fun to study volcanoes. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Aren't earthquakes scary and exciting? \_\_\_\_\_

► Rewrite each sentence using a contraction in place of the underlined words.



6. What is the highest mountain range? \_\_\_\_\_

7. That is the subject of my next science project. \_\_\_\_\_

8. The Rockies are not the oldest mountains in the United States. \_\_\_\_\_

9. We are going camping near a volcano next summer. \_\_\_\_\_

10. I am planning to hike all the way around the rim. \_\_\_\_\_



Write contractions for *would not* and *it is*. Use your contractions in a journal paragraph. Describe what it may be like to be near an earthquake.