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Episode 407: The Desert and Contractions

Book: Let's Visit the Desert by Buffy Silverman

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Phonics Skill

A **contraction** is a word made by shortening and combining two words.

did + not **didn't**

could + not **couldn't**

should + not **shouldn't**

Label It

snake cactus lizard



Write It

Read the sentences out loud. Take the bolded words and combine them to create a contraction. Write the new word on the line.

1. My mom said that I **can not** go outside until I finish my homework.

 can + not can't

2. She **did not** want to go to sleep.

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3. They **could not** go in the store because she forgot her mask.

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4. You **should not** talk with your mouth full.

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5. **Do not** go to bed without brushing your teeth.

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