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The Gold Rush

Grammar: Contractions and Negatives

▶ Write the contraction for each word pair.

- **1.** she is _____
- **2.** have not _____
- **3.** would not _____
- **4.** is not _____
- **5.** I have _____
- **6.** he had _____
- **7.** it is _____
- **8.** do not _____



Write the negative from each sentence.

- 9. Nobody earns a living panning for gold today.
- 10. Panning for gold was never a sure way to earn money.
- ▶ Rewrite each sentence. Get rid of double negatives. Use the correct pronoun or contraction.
 - 11. You never wanted to be no miner.
 - 12. Your sure its too hard a life?



Use each word group in a sentence: its/it's and their/they're/there. Use each word in a sentence: nobody and never.