

ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 15: ASTRONOMER

Practise and consolidate your learning about language functions by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

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