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## QT-ESL Podcast No. 62

### Contractions 1

Hi! I'm Marianne Raynaud, and I'm here to help you improve your level of spoken English. This series of podcasts is designed to help you master oral grammar. For work on vocabulary and pronunciation you can go to our other series called "Your English". For fun with song lyrics try "5- Minute TOPs". This episode deals with contractions. Contractions are used in informal speech and can be a major obstacle to comprehension. If you have not studied much English or have problems with comprehension, we suggest you try Podcast No. 9 in this series, which is quite a bit easier. If you just need more practice, then stay with us. Both the script and a worksheet are available with this podcast. Let's get started.

*Listen and repeat these full forms followed by the equivalent contractions.*

*He will = He'll*

*Will he not? = Won't he?*

*Did you not tell him? = Didn't you tell him?*

*You have not = You haven't*

*You had better = You'd better*

*I would have done it = I'd have done it*

*He has gone = He's gone*

*If I had known = If I'd known*

*You would forget = You'd forget*

*You are forgetful = You're forgetful*

*You would agree = You'd agree*

*Would you not? = Wouldn't you?*

*It will not = It won't be*

*We are relying = We're relying*

*Now listen to a short monolog with the above contractions.*

The new trainee'll be checking the software program soon, **won't** he? **Didn't** you tell him about it? If you **haven't** as yet, you'd better do so before he's gone. I'd have done it myself, if I'd known you'd forget. You're very forgetful, aren't you? You'd agree on that point, **wouldn't** you? This time the assignment **won't** be forgotten, will it? We're relying on you, you know!

*Now listen and repeat the same monolog with full forms.*

The new trainee **will** be checking the software program soon, **will** he **not**? **Did** you **not**\* tell him about it? If you **have** not as yet, you **had** better do so before he **has** gone. I **would** have done it myself, if I **had** known you **would** forget. You **are** very forgetful, **are** you **not**? \* You **would** agree on that point, **would** you **not**? \* This time the assignment **will** not be forgotten, **will** it? We **are** relying on you, you know!

*Finally, listen and repeat the same monolog with the contracted forms.*



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The new trainee **’ll** be checking the software program soon, **won’t** he? **Didn’t** you tell him about it? If you **haven’t** as yet, you **’d** better do so before he **’s** gone. I **’d** have done it myself, if I **’d** known you **’d** forget. You **’re** very forgetful, aren’t you? You **’d** agree on that point, **wouldn’t** you? This time the assignment **won’t** be forgotten, will it? We **’re** relying on you, you know!

*Finally, I’ll give the full forms and you’ll say the contracted forms. Listen to the examples.*

*I say: He will check  
You say: He’ll check*

*I say: Will he not?  
You say: Won’t he?*

*Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.*

He will check	You’d better do so	You would agree
He’ll check	He has gone	You’d agree
Will he not?	He’s gone	Would you not?
Won’t he?	If I had known	Wouldn’t you?
Did you not tell him?	If I’d known	It will not be
Didn’t you tell him?	You would forget	It won’t be
You have not told him	You’d forget	We are relying on you
You haven’t told him	You are forgetful	We’re relying on you
You had better do so	You’re forgetful	

*To end, I’ll give the contracted forms you’ll say the full forms. Listen to the examples.*

*I say: He’ll check  
You say: He will check*

*I say: Didn’t you tell him?  
You say: Did you not tell him?*

*Now you go on in the same way. Be sure to speak before I give the answer.*

He’ll check	You had better do so	You’d agree
He will check	He’s gone	You would agree
Won’t he?	He has gone	Wouldn’t you?
Will he not?	If I’d known	Would you not?
Didn’t you tell him?	If I had known	It won’t be
Did you not tell him?	You’d forget	It will not be
You haven’t told him	You would forget	We’re relying on you
You have not told him	You’re forgetful	We’re relying on you
You’d better do so	You are forgetful	

That’s the end of this episode. Visit [www.qualitytime-esl.com](http://www.qualitytime-esl.com) to download the script and a worksheet for written practice. To train even more with vocabulary or basic structures try our other series called “Your English”. Teachers interested in more effective teaching can order “QualityTime-ESL: The Digital Resource Book” on a DVD or get it immediately in a slightly lighter downloadable version. Bye for now, and don’t forget to keep smiling.

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