Training Your Ear to Understand Contractions  
(Fill-in exercise No. 1)

You are going to write down contractions in simple and full forms. Here are some equivalents to help you:

I’m = I am / you’re = you are / we’re = we are / he’s / she’s / it’s = he is / she is / it is
I’ve been = I have been / You’ve been = you have been / She’s been = she has been
He’s gone = he has gone or he is gone / They’re gone = they are gone
I’ll be = I will be / he’ll be = he will be / you won’t = you will not be
You’d agree = you would agree
I’d known = I had known / I’d have done it = I would have done it
He must’ve done = he must have done / you should’ve done = you should have done
Didn’t you tell him? = Did you not tell him?

Tags: won’t he? = will he not? / wouldn’t you? = would you not *? / can’t they? = can they not?
Also: You’d better = you had better / I’d rather = I would rather / I’d rather = I would rather

Sometimes English people say: "I had rather," but Americans never! So stick with "I would rather."

Listen to the recording (or listen to your partner). Make sure you have written both the contracted forms and the full forms correctly.

Monologue with contracted forms:
The trainee _____ be checking the software program soon, ___________ he? ____________ you tell him about it? If you ____________ as yet, you ____ better do so before he _____ gone. I ____ have done it myself, if I ____ known you _____ forget. You ___ very forgetful, _________ you? You____ agree on that point, __________ you? This time the assignment ___________ be forgotten, will it? We________ relying on you, you know!

Now fill in the full forms:
The trainee _____ be checking the software program soon, _______ he not? _______ you not tell him about it?
If you _______ not as yet, you _______ better do so before he _______ gone. I ____________ have done it myself, if I _______ known you ______________ forget. You _______very forgetful, _______you not? You ____________ agree on that point, ____________ you not? This time the assignment ________ not be forgotten, _______ it? We ________ relying on you, you know!