Training Your Ear to Understand “Contractions”
Fill in exercise No. 1 for QT-ESL Podcast No. 62

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 seen = I have seen / You’ve seen = you have seen / She’s seen = she has seen
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 stay 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, __________ you? __________ 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
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