Training Your Ear to Understand “Contractions”  
(Fill in exercise No. 2 for QT-ESL Podcast No. 63)

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) and fill in the contracted and full forms correctly.

Monologue with contracted forms:

________ I told you before you ________ do that? It _______ be good, if somebody
got hurt. You _____ better stop it. ______ you agree with me? OK ______ forget about it. ______
we be friends anyway? I _______ know you ______ be so upset. If I _______ known, I ______
have kept my mouth closed. _______ you going to say something? You _______ not going to
sulk, are you? I am right though, _______ I? I _______ leave until you _______ said
you_______ sorry.

Now fill in the full forms:

______ I _______ told you before you _______ __do that? It _______ ___be good, if somebody
got hurt. You______ better stop it. ______ you ______ agree with me? OK let ______ forget about it.
______ we ______ be friends anyway? I _______ know you ______ be so upset. If I ______
known, I ________ have kept my mouth closed. _______ you ____ going to say something? You
______ _______ going to sulk, are you? I am right though, _____ I ______? I __________leave
until you _______ said you ______ sorry.