

A03

CONTRACTIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF VERBS

by Julian Conde

I. Listen and complete.

1. The _____ late.



2. The _____ eaten.



3. The _____ already ruled.



4. The _____ close early.



5. _____ my keys?



6. _____ rather stay home tonight.



7. _____ already seen that movie.



8. I _____ you move on Saturday.



9. I _____ to the party.



10. A: Can you drive?



B: Yes, I _____.

II. Mark T (true) or F (false).

1. ____ In the sentence "The dogs have run away," the word have should sound like the word "of."

2. ____ You should always use the full vowel /æ/ for the word can when it is in the middle of a sentence (e.g., "I can go").

3. ____ After a pronoun like We or I, you should use a contraction (e.g., We've or I'd) to sound more natural.

4. ____ The negative word can't is usually unstressed and said very quickly with a "lazy" vowel.

5. ____ In the sentence "Where are my shoes?", the word are reduces to sound like an "-er" ending ("wear-er").

