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CONTRACTIONS AND REDUCTIONS OF VERBS

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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").



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