

## 35 Common Reductions in spoken English

1	got to	gotta	He's got to go to work.	He's gotta go to work.
2	going to*	gonna	I'm going to see my sister.	I'm gonna see my sister.
3	have to	hafta	You have to pick up the books.	You havta pick up the books.
4	has to	hasta	She has to fly home.	She hasta fly home.
5	want to	wanna	I want to eat now.	I wanna eat now.
6	do you want to	wanna	Do you want to see a movie?	Wanna see a movie?
7	want a	wanna	Do you want a slice of pie?	Wanna slice of pie?
8	doing	doin	What are they doing there?	What are they doin there?
9	get you	getcha	I'll get you a cookie.	I'll getcha a cookie.
10	got you	gotcha	I got you some water.	I gotcha some water.
11	bet you	betcha	I bet you know the answer	I betcha know the answer.
12	don't you	dontcha	Don't you need help?	Doncha need help?
13 & 14	what are you	whadaya/whatcha	What are you doing today?	Whadaya doin today? Whatcha doin today?
15	kind of	kinda	my kind of place	my kinda place
16	lot of	lotta	a lot of guys	a lotta guys
17 & 18	could have	coulda/couldov	You could have stopped.	You coulda stopped. You couldov stopped.
19 & 20	should have	shoulda/shouldov	He should have gone.	He shoulda gone. He shouldov gone.
21 & 22	would have	woulda/wouldov	I would have known	I woulda known. I wouldov known.
23 & 24	must have	musta/mustov	She must have lied.	She musta lied. She mustov lied.
25 & 26	might have	mighta/mightov	You might have helped.	You mighta helped. You mightov helped.
27	don't know	dunno	I don't know the answer.	I dunno the answer.
28	let me	lemme	Let me go!	Lemme go!
29	give me	gimme	Give me my keys.	Gimme my keys!
30	and	n	you and I	you n I
31	them	em	I see them.	I see em.
32	him	im	I know him.	I know im.
33	her	er	I saw her there.	I saw er there.
34	you	ya	Can you do it?	Can ya do it?
35	your/you're	yer	Is that your house? You're done?	Is that yer house? Yer done?

\* never reduce for "going to" a place like "going to the doctor" or "going to the library"