

# Spoken English Reduction Guide

## The Schwa Sound [ə] and the J Sound [dʒ]

gonna → going to  
wanna → want to

What are you going to do this weekend?  
What do you want to do this summer?

hafta → have to  
hasta → has to  
kinda → kind of  
sorta → sort of  
lotta → lot of  
lotsa → lots of  
gotta → got to/have got to

When do you have to be at the airport?  
She has to work.  
I'm kind of tired.  
I feel sort of sick.  
I have a lot of work.  
I ate lots of chicken last night.  
We've got to get ready to go. / I have got to eat.

didya/didja → did you  
dya → do you  
shoulda/shoulduv → should have  
wouldya/wouldja → would you

Did you eat lunch?  
Which one do you want?  
I should have studied harder.  
Would you like to join us?

goduh → go to  
goduhtuh → go to the

I want to go to Iceland.  
I have to go to the store.

## Three Word Blending

whadja/wuhdja → What did you

What did you eat for lunch?

whaddaya → What are you  
whaddaya → What do you

What are you going to do after class?  
What do you want to eat for lunch?

wheredaya → Where do you

Where do you want to go for lunch?

## The Little Words ☺

'er → her

'is → his

'em → them

'im → him

f'r/fer/fuh → for

'n' → and

t'/ta/tuh → to

da/duh → to

ya/ja/cha/ju → you

Tell her I'll be there at 7:00.

Georgie had to make his own breakfast.

When do you want them?

He told him about the problem.

What did you eat for lunch?

Let's have chicken and beer.

I had to wake up at 7:00 a.m. today.

I have to go to the store.

Catch you later! / Did you study?