UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH WRITNG & READING CENTER

**CONTRACTION EXERCISES**

**Underline the correct form of each word in the parentheses as used in the following sentences.**

1. (Its, It's) not (your, you're) book.

2. (I will go if he (lets, let's) me.

3. (Their, They're) going to sell (their, they're) cottage.

4. (Whose, Who's) the leader of your gang?

5. (Everything is in (its, it's) place.

**In the following sentences, create contractions where possible.**

6. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones.

7. I will do it if you are willing to help me.

8. We will let you know if you have been accepted.

9. We have been here before.

10. He does not have any money.

11. I am writing your life story.

12. I would like to see you tomorrow.

13. She is not here yet.

14. If I were you, I would not go.

15. Glen and Joe did not come to the party.

**Write out the two words for which the contraction stands.**

16. I've (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) always enjoyed going to parties.

17. It wasn't (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) Donna who came.

18. We aren't (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) going to see Harry today.

19. George and Alfred weren't (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) here today.

20. Karen and Chris said they'll (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) be here Monday.

ANSWERS

1. It's, your

2. lets

3. They're, their

4. Who's

5. its

6. shouldn't

7. I'll, you're

8. We'll, you've

9. We've

10. doesn't

11. I'm

12. I'd

13. She's not OR she isn't

14. wouldn't

15. didn't

16. I have

17. was not

18. are not

19. were not

20. they will