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Practice reading the following sentences, paying attention to reduce the function words.

1. Can you **COME** for **DIN**ner?
2. Do you **NEED** to **SEE JOHN** or **JER**ry?
3. **KAR**en and **SU**sie **WANT** to **GO** to the **L**ibrary.
4. She could have **CALLED** him, but she **DID**n't **HAVE** his **NUM**ber.
5. You should have **CALLED** your **MOT**Her or **FAT**Her.
6. I have **LIVED** in this **CITY** for **FOUR YEARS**.
7. When you **GO** to the **STORE**, try to **LOOK** for some **GOOD CHEESE**.
8. **TRY** to **FIND OUT** if she **TALKED** to him.
9. I would have **inV**ited him for **LUNCH**, but he **WOULD**n't have **ac**CEPTed.
10. Do you **THINK** I should have **TALKED** to **MAR**ta or **CON**nie?

### Reduction of Auxiliary “have”

The Auxiliary “have” is also usually reduced. For example, you will sometimes hear native speakers use the expression “coulda, woulda, shoulda” which they say when they are talking about hypotheticals. They are referring to the way that phrases such as “I could have done it” sound like “I coulda done it” in spoken English.

Modal + have	Clear	Natural	Example Sentence	Pronunciation
could have	[kʊdhæv]	[kʊrə]	I could have gone.	I “coulda” gone. [aɪkʊrəɡən]
should have	[ʃʊdhæv]	[ʃʊrə]	I should have gone.	I “shoulda” gone. [aɪʃʊrəɡən]
would have	[wʊdhæv]	[wʊrə]	I would have gone.	I “woulda” gone. [aɪwʊrəɡən]

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‘Well—I have it on pretty good authority—in fact, on old Catherine’s herself—that the family reduced Countess Olenska’s allowance considerably when she definitely refused to go back to her husband; and as, by this refusal, she also forfeits the money settled on her when she married—which Olenski was ready to make over to her if she returned—why, what the devil do *you* mean, my dear boy, by asking me what *I* mean?’ Mr Jackson good-humouredly retorted.

Archer moved toward the mantelpiece and bent over to knock his ashes into the grate.

‘I don’t know anything of Madame Olenska’s private affairs; but I don’t need to, to be certain that what you insinuate—’

‘Oh, *I* don’t: it’s Lefferts, for one,’ Mr Jackson interposed.

‘Lefferts—who made love to her and got snubbed for it!’ Archer broke out contemptuously.

‘Ah—*did* he?’ snapped the other, as if this were exactly the fact he had been laying a trap for. He still sat sideways from the fire, so that his hard old gaze held Archer’s face as if in a spring of steel.

‘Well, well: it’s a pity she didn’t go back before Beaufort’s cropper,’ he repeated. ‘If she goes *now*, and if he fails, it will only confirm the general impression: which isn’t by any means peculiar to Lefferts, by the way.’

He had stopped and faced her in the excitement of their discussion, and her eyes rested on him with a bright unclouded admiration.

‘Mercy—shall we elope?’ she laughed.

‘If you would—’

‘You *do* love me, Newland! I’m so happy.’

‘But then—why not be happier?’

‘We can’t behave like people in novels, though, can we?’

‘Why not—why not—why not?’

‘But I hope you *had* finished your reading, Henry?’ his wife interposed.

‘Quite—quite,’ he reassured her.

‘Then I should like Adeline to tell you—’

‘Oh, it’s really Newland’s story,’ said his mother smiling; and proceeded to rehearse once more the monstrous tale of the affront inflicted on Mrs Lovell Mingott.