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5. You can’t change you’re mind. right wrong
6. Have fun while your young. right wrong
7. When you’re ready, we’ll leave. right wrong
8. You’re not going with us. right wrong

**Part II.** In the blanks below, write the correct word: *your* or *you’re*.

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3. What time is ____________________________ practice?
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5. Rupert thinks ____________________________ the right person for the team.
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