Apostrophes in Contractions

A. Directions: Rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined words with a contraction.

1. His fingers were not much better than his toes.
   His fingers weren’t much better than his toes.

2. It was so dark in the tunnel that he could not see very far.
   It was so dark in the tunnel that he couldn’t see very far.

3. The American crews did not have to pay for their food or their supplies.
   The American crews didn’t have to pay for their food or their supplies.

4. The man said that he would show the men how to use explosives.
   The man said that he’d show the men how to use explosives.

5. It is time for the workers to begin digging the tunnel.
   It’s time for the workers to begin digging the tunnel.

B. Directions: Choose two contractions from the sentences above and use them in sentences.

1. Example: His leg hurt so he couldn’t run far.

2. Example: She didn’t have time to finish her drawing.