Apostrophes in Sentences

Directions: Read each sentence. Rewrite each sentence, using apostrophes to show possession or a contraction.

1. The United States is not even close to the top of the list.
   The United States isn’t even close to the top of the list.

2. It was not so surprising to the writer that U.S. students performed so poorly on the test.
   It wasn’t so surprising to the writer that U.S. students performed so poorly on the test.

3. In today’s global economy, students are competing against students in other countries.
   In today’s global economy, students are competing against students in other countries.

4. Do we want our students to compete internationally, or do we not?
   Do we want our students to compete internationally, or don’t we?

5. Some people feel that it is the school’s problem.
   Some people feel that it’s the school’s problem.