Hi, everyone!

I'm Georgiana, founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help YOU speak English fluently.

In this episode:

• I'd like to help you to understand how to use words like **Gonna, Wanna, Gotta and similar.**
• After that, a point of view story to practice your English and consolidate the information that I'll be teaching you in the first part.

Ok, let's get started!

Are you confused about how and when to use the words GONNA, WANNA, and GOTTA?

Let me start by saying that these three words are contractions.

What's a contraction?

A contraction is created when two words in a row come together and become one.
For example:
I am = I'm
It is = It's
Do not = Don't
Will not = Won't

These are some of the contractions which are accepted as grammatically correct and are taught in all English courses.

However, in this lesson, I'll focus on the informal contractions. These are not taught in grammar books, because their use is mostly colloquial.

If you say going to really fast, you can shorten it to GONNA by dropping the final sound. If you say want to really fast, it shortens to WANNA. These are informal contractions.

I'm sure that you've already noticed that the grammatically correct English we learn in school is not the same as the colloquial English in the street. Informal contractions are very common in colloquial English.

I think that you should familiarize yourself with them. You don't need to start using them right away. The most important step is to make sure that you understand how to use these informal contractions.

Many conventional teachers sustain that it's wrong or inappropriate to use these colloquial contractions when speaking English in formal situations. But let me tell you that words like "gonna," "wanna," and "gotta" are perfectly okay to use in all spoken situations, both formal and informal.

In the US, everyone seems to use "gonna" and "wanna", even highly educated people use these forms several times a day. People in business meetings, professors giving lectures, everyone.
So, don't worry. You can also use these words and you'll sound just like an American.

And now let's see some examples:

**GONNA** = "Going to" in the simple future. Avoid making Common mistakes with Gonna:
Some students say "I gonna" ✗ or "I'm gonna to" ✗ it's incorrect!
The correct form is always "I'm gonna".✔

**Examples:**
I'm gonna go to work.
I'm gonna eat a burger.
She's gonna call me back.
I'm gonna help my friends.

**WANNA** = want + verb (can be followed by a verb or a noun)
"I want to have fun."
"I wanna have fun."
"I want to eat dinner."
"I wanna eat dinner."

Wanna = want + noun (I want a)
"I want a new car."
"I wanna new car."
"I want a book."
"I wanna book."

Sometimes you'll notice that the subject in the beginning disappears:

Instead of saying "Do you wanna stay?"
you might listen to an American say: "Wanna stay?"
or "You wanna stay?"

**GOTTA** – short for "I've got to." Or "got to"
With a verb:
"I gotta go now"
"I gotta be there in 10 minutes."
"Have they gotta work?"

Gotta with a noun
"I gotta new car."
"I gotta cell phone."
"She hasn't gotta penny."
"Have you gotta job?"

DONCHA, DON'T CHA, DONTCHA=Don't you?
Why doncha write me a nice song?
Doncha wanna come with me?
You're really enjoying yourself. Doncha?
Doncha like the movie?

KINDA=kind of
I kinda like her.
What kinda music do you like?
It's kinda selfish, don't you think?
My mom says I kinda look like him.

LEMME=let me
Lemme get you a drink.
Lemme see it!
Lemme go!
Hey, lemmme pay you back tomorrow, OK?

DUNNO=Don't know
I dunno what time it is.
Who did it? I dunno!
I dunno, maybe he's telling the truth.

WHATCHA / WHAT'CHA = what are you/what you/what do you

Whatcha gonna do? = What are you going to do?
Do whatcha gotta do! = Do what you have to do!
Whatcha wanna do now? = What do you want to do now?
Whatcha want? = What do you want?
**Whatcha** doing? Or **Whatcha**? = *What are you doing?*

'**COS** = because
I'm sad '**cos** my girlfriend left me.
They cancelled the trip '**cos** of the snow.
I love ya '**cos** you're pretty.

I hope that you're enjoying today's episode. As you can see, it's not so easy to understand English unless you start listening to real conversations. Once you get familiarized with the informal contractions you'll have less difficulty understanding songs and movies in English.

Before I continue with the point of view story, I just wanted to remind you that you can get the full transcript of today's episode at SpeakEnglishPodcast.com

Ok, let's move on to the next section.

**Point of View 📖**

*(Improve your Grammar)*

Let’s practice some grammar with the Point of View Technique. The main benefit of this technique is that it'll help you to learn grammar intuitively, without boring exercises or memorizing rules.

This is how it works: I'll tell you a short story more than one time. Every time, I'll change a grammar point. For example, I can change the tense or the
person. This way, you'll intuitively recognize the changes.

Ok, let's get started!
Today's story is kinda informal because I want you to practice most of the informal contractions that I've mentioned in the first section of this episode.

*I'm gonna start telling you the story without using the informal contractions.*
Let me tell you something. I *want* to learn English. In fact, I'm *going to* study by myself. But, my friends are *kind of* skeptical. They ask me: *Don't you* need to go to a language school?*, and I answer:
“No, *let me* explain. I can learn English by listening and reading”.
Some of my friends don’t understand it. They don’t get it. They say things like:
“Oh, man, *what are you going to* listen? I *don't know* if it’s such a good idea.” or
“But, *don't you* need a teacher?*”.
I answer them that I *kind of* have a teacher. Her name's Georgiana. She's super professional, and she always *wants to* help.
Despite my friends' hesitations, I'm *going to be* motivated *because* I’m learning more and more.
When you *want to* get something, you just *got to* fight for it. Ok, *I've got to* go now. See ya!

*I'm not sure if you've noticed, but not using informal contractions in this short story is just unnatural. I had to make an effort not to use gonna, wanna, gotta, etc.*
Now, the same story but with the informal contractions. Let's have some fun! 😎

Lemme tell you something. I wanna learn English. In fact, I’m gonna study by myself. But, my friends are kinda skeptical. They ask me: “Doncha need to go to a language school?”, and I answer: “No, lemme explain. I can learn English by listening and reading”.

Some of my friends don’t understand it. They don’t get it. They say things like: “Oh, man, whatcha gonna listen? I dunno if it's such a good idea.” or “But, doncha need a teacher?”. I answer them that I kinda have a teacher. Her name’s Georgiana. She’s super professional, and she always wanna help. Despite my friends' hesitations, I gotta be motivated 'cos I’m learning more and more. When you wanna get something, you just gotta fight for it. Ok, I gotta go now. See ya!

Lemme tell you the story from a different perspective:

My brother says he wanna learn English. In fact, he's gonna study by himself. But his friends are kinda skeptical. They ask him: “Doncha need to go to a language school?”, and he answers: “No, lemme explain. I can learn English by listening and reading”. Some of his friends don’t understand it. They don’t get it. They say things like:
“Oh, man, whatcha gonna listen? I dunno if it's such a good idea.” or “But, doncha need a teacher?”. He answers them that he kinda has a teacher. Her name's Georgiana. She's super professional, and she always wanna help. Despite his friends' hesitations, he's gotta be motivated 'cos he's learning more and more. When you wanna get something, you just gotta fight for it. Ok, I gotta go know. See ya!

This is the end of this short lesson. I really hope that you've enjoyed this story.

By the way, this is one of the techniques that I use in my English courses. I recommend you to take a look at:

Courses.SpeakEnglishPodCast.com

Awesome! This is the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help with your English.

I strongly recommend you to visit my website SpeakEnglishPodcast.com and get today's episode transcript.

See you soon and have a wonderful week! Bye! Bye!

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