

Weak form & Strong form Linking & Contraction

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Stress & Rhythm

- Stress at the word level → Stress
- Stress at the phrase
or sentence level → Rhythm

Rules of stress in phrases and sentences



Grammatical / Function Words

- **Articles**
- **Pronouns**
- **Prepositions**
- **Conjunctions**
- **Auxiliary verbs**

Content Words

- **Nouns**
- **Adjectives**
- **Verbs**
- **Adverbs**



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Strong form

the

ði:

a /an

eɪ / æn

Weak form

ðə >> shut **the** door.

ðɪ >> wait for **the** end.

ə >> read **a** book.

ən >> eat **an** apple.

Strong form

Weak form

and

ænd

ənd >> Come **and** see.

but

bʌt

bət >> It's good **but** expensive.

that

ðæt

ðət >> The noise is the thing
that annoys me.

Strong form

Weak form

than

ðæn

ðən >> Better late **than** never.

his

hɪz

ɪz >> Take **his** name.

her

hɜ:(r)

ə >> Take **her** home.

ər >> Take **her** ot.

your

she

he

Strong form

jʊə
Bri. -- jɔ:(r)
Amr. -- jʊr

ʃi:

hi:

Weak form

jə >> Take **your** time.
jər >> On **your** own.

ʃɪ >> Where did **she** read it ?

hɪ >> **He** was late.
ɪ >> Which did **he** choose ?

Strong form

Weak form

we

wi:

wɪ >> How can **we** get there ?

you

ju:

jʊ >> What do **you** think ?

him

hɪm

ɪm >> Leave **him** alone.
>> I've seen **him** ?

Strong form

Weak form

them

ðem

ðəm >> Eat **them**.

us

ʌs

əs >> Write **us** a letter.

at

æt

ət >> See you **at** lunch.

What are you looking **at** ?

for

Strong form

fɔ:(r)

What's that **for** ?

Weak form

fə >> Tea **for** two.
fər >> Thanks **for** asking.

from

Bri. -- frɒm
Amr. -- frʌm, frɑ:m

Here's where it came **from**.

frəm >> I'm not **from** work.

of

Bri. -- ɒv
Amr. -- ʌv

Someone I've heard **of**.

əv >> Most **of** all.

Strong form

to

tu:

as

æz

That's what it was sold **as**.

some

sʌm

I've got **some**.

I like **some** animals.

Weak form

tə >> Try **to** stop me.
tʊ >> Time **to** eat.

əz >> **As** much **as** possible.

səm >> Here **some** more **tea**.

there

Strong form

ðeə

There it is.

Put it **there**.

Weak form

ðə >> **There** should be a rule .

ðər >> **There** is.

can

kæn

I think we **can**.

kən >> They **can** wait.

could

kʊd

Most of them **could**.

kəd >> He **could** wait.

Weak form

Strong form

have

hæv

Yes, we **have**.

əv >> Which **have** you seen ?

has

hæz

I think she **has**.

əz >> Which **has** been best ?

had

hæd

I thought we **had**.

əd >> Most **had** gone home.



shall

Strong form

ʃæl

I think we **shall**.

Weak form

ʃəl >> We **shall** need to hurry.

should

ʃʊd

So you **should**.

ʃəd >> I **should** forget it.

must

mʌst

I certainly **must**.

She left at 8 a.m., so she **must** arrive by now.

məs >> You **must** try harder.

məst >> You **must** eat more.

do

Strong form

du:

Yes, I **do**.

Weak form

də >> Why **do** they like it ?

dʊ >> Why **do** all the car stop?

does

dʌz

I think John **does**.

dəz >> When **does** it come ?

am

æm

Yes, I **am**.

əm >> Why **am** I here.

are

Strong form

ɑ:

I know you **are**.

Weak form

ə >> Here **are** the plates.

ər >> The coast **are** in here.

was

wɒz

The last record **was**.

wəz >> He **was** here.

were

wɜ:(r)

Yes, we **were**.

wə >> You **were** late.

wər >> The questions **were** easy.

Linking

finish **i**t
after **a**ll

a cup **o**f tea
brush **u**p

sing **i**t
put **i**t **o**ff

May I ask ? me**I** (**j**)a**I** ask ?

Do I know her ? d**ʊ** (**w**)a**I** nə**ʊ** (**w**)ə ?

Contractions

Do you	>>	dju
I'm	>>	aɪm
He's	>>	hi:z
She's	>>	ʃi:z
It's	>>	ɪts
Who's	>>	hu:z
isn't	>>	ɪznt
You're	>>	jʊ:(r)
We're	>>	wɪə

He'll	>>	hɪl
She'll	>>	ʃɪl
We'll	>>	wɪl
You'll	>>	jʊl

I've	>>	aɪv
You've	>>	jʊv
They've	>>	ðeɪv
We've	>>	wɪv

had

He'd >> hɪd

You'd >> jʊd

It'd >> ɪtəd

would

I'd >> aɪd

You'd >> jʊd

She'd >> ʃi:d

It'd >> ɪtəd

could have

Could've >> kʊdəv



THANK YOU