

## Lesson Eleven

### He

Strong form: hi:; weak forms: hi, i

The strong form / hi: / is usually used contrastively, (e.g. ‘I am not interested in what **he** says, it’s her I am interested in’) or for emphasis, (e.g. ‘**He**’s the one’). The weak form is / hi / in careful speech, (e.g. ‘Does **he** live here?’ /ˌdɔːz hi ˌlɪv ‘hi/); in rapid speech it may be pronounced / i / when following a consonant, (e.g. ‘What does **he** want?’ /ˌwɒt dɔːz i ‘wɒnt/ ‘Which did **he** choose?’ / ‘wɪtʃ dɪd i ‘tʃuː z/; ‘He was late, wasn’t **he**?’ / hi wɔːz ‘leɪt ‘wɔːznt i /).