

## Lesson Sixteen

### Us

Strong form: **ʌs**; weak form: **əs**,

The strong form is used mainly for contrast, (e.g. ‘a them and **us** attitude’) or for emphasis, (e.g. ‘This land belongs to **us**’). The weak form is used when unstressed, and can occur in final position, (e.g. ‘They joined **us**’ / ðeɪ 'dʒɔɪnd əs /; ‘Write **us** a letter’ / 'raɪt əs ə 'letə /; ‘They invited all of **us**’ / ðeɪ ɪn'vaɪtɪd 'ɔːləv əs /).