

## Lesson Two

### A, An

Strong form: eɪ; weak forms: ə, ən

The strong form / eɪ / is used mainly for contrast (e.g. 'This is **a** solution, but not the only one'). The weak form only occurs before consonants, and is usually pronounced / ə /. Weak form / ən / occurs before vowels (e.g. 'I waited **an** hour' / aɪ 'wertɪd ən aʊə /).