

Lesson Twenty-four

There

Strong form: ðeə^r; weak form: ðə^r

When this word has a demonstrative function, it always occurs in its strong form /ðeə / (ðeər before vowels), (e.g. **There** it is' / 'ðeər it 'ɪz /; 'Put it **there**' / 'pʊt it 'ðeə /). Weak form: / ðə / is used before consonants (e.g. **There** should be a rule' / ðə 'ʃʊd bi ə'ru: l /), and / ðər / before vowels (e.g. **There** is' / ðər 'ɪz /). In final position the pronunciation may be / ðə / or / ðeə / (e.g. 'There isn't any, is **there**?' / ðər 'ɪznt eni 'ɪz ðə / or / ðər 'ɪznt eni 'ɪz ðeə /).