

Lesson Twenty-six

Could

Strong form: kʊd; weak form: kəd

The strong form is used for emphasis, (e.g. ‘you **could** be right’), for contrast, (e.g. ‘Whether she **could** or not’), and in sentence-final position, (e.g. ‘as well as he **could**’). Weak form: / kəd / (e.g. ‘He **could** do it’ / ‘hi: kəd ‘du: ɪt /).