

Lesson Twenty-seven

Have

Strong form: hæv; weak forms: həv, əv, v

When **have** occurs as a full verb, (e.g. 'to **have** and to hold'), the strong form is used. As an auxiliary verb, it is a weak form word; the strong form is used contrastively, (e.g. 'I don't know if you **have** or **haven't**'), for emphasis, (e.g. 'You **have** to see it'), and also in final position, (e.g. 'I've got as much as you **have**'). It is also quite often used in initial position, (e.g. '**Have** you seen my book'). Elsewhere the weak form is commonly used. Weak form: / əv / (e.g. 'Which **have** you seen?' / 'wɪtʃ əv ju 'si:n /; the form / v / is only use after vowels, (e.g. 'We've seen it' / wiv 'si:n ɪt /).