

## Lesson Thirty-one

### Should

Strong form: ʃʊd; weak forms: ʃəd, ʃd, ʃt

The strong form is used for emphatic pronunciation, (e.g. ‘He **should** have asked first’), or for contrast, (e.g. ‘Don’t tell me what I **should** or **shouldn’t** do’). It is also used in final position (e.g. ‘We both **should**’). The most usual weak form is / ʃəd /, as in ‘When **should** it arrive?’ / ,wen ʃəd it ə'raɪv /; ‘I **should** forget it’ / 'aɪ ʃəd fə'get ɪt/, but in rapid speech we also find /ʃd/ before voiced sounds (e.g. ‘I **should** go now’ / ,aɪ ʃd 'gəʊ naʊ /and / ʃt / before voiceless sounds e.g. ‘You **should** try to finish’ / ju ʃt ,traɪ tə 'fɪnɪʃ /).