Lesson Thirty-three Do

Strong form: du:; weak forms: də, du

The strong form / du: / is normally used in final position, (e.g. 'Yes, I do'), when it is used as a full verb rather than an auxiliary (e.g. 'Do it yourself'), for emphasis (e.g. 'Why do you like him?') or for contrast (e.g. 'I do and I don't'). There are two weak forms: / də / before consonants (e.g. 'How do they do it?' / hau də ðeɪ 'du: ɪt /) and / du / before vowels (e.g. 'Why do all the books disappear?' / waɪ du ˌɔː l ðə 'buks dɪsə'pɪə /).