

Lesson Thirty-four

Does

Strong form: dʌz; weak form: dəz

The strong form is used when **does** occurs as a full verb, (e.g. 'That's what he **does** for a living'), for emphasis, (e.g. 'That **does** look nice') and for contrast (e.g. 'It **does** cost a lot, but it doesn't need repairing'). The strong form also occurs in final position (e.g. 'I don't like it as much as she **does**'). When **does** occurs in other positions as an auxiliary, the weak form is normally used, (e.g. 'Why **does** it stop?' / ˌwaɪ dəz ɪt 'stɒp /; 'When **does** it arrive?' / 'wen dəz ɪt ə'raɪv /).