

Lesson Thirty-six

Are

Strong form: ɑ:^r ; weak form: ə^r , occasionally weak form before vowels: r

The strong form / ɑ:^r / is used for emphasis (e.g. ‘you **are** stupid’), for contrast (e.g. ‘you **are** rich, but you **aren’t** handsome’). The weak form is usually / ə^r / (e.g. ‘These **are** mine’ / $\text{,d̩i: z ə 'maɪn} /$; before vowels: ‘These are old’ / $\text{,d̩i: z ə}^r \text{əʊld} /$; ‘The coats **are** in there’ / $\text{ðə 'kəʊts ər ɪn 'ðeə} /$).