

Lesson Four

But

Strong form: bʌt; weak form: bət

The strong form / bʌt / is used contrastively (e.g. no **but**s) and in sentence-final position (e.g. 'It's anything **but**'). The weak form is / bət / (e.g. 'It's good **but** expensive' / its ˌgʊd bət ɪk'spensɪv /).