

Lesson six

Than

Strong form: ðæn; weak forms: ðən, ðŋ

The strong form /ðæn/ is rarely used; it is sometimes found in emphatic utterances such as ‘The Queen, **than** whom no-one is richer...’, but it normally has the weak pronunciation /ðən/, (e.g. ‘faster **than** sound’ /₁fɑːstə ðən 'saʊnd /), or in rapid speech /ðŋ/, (e.g. ‘Better **than** ever’ /₁betə ðŋ 'evə /).