

Lesson Seven

His

Strong form: hɪz; weak form: ɪz

The strong form / hɪz / is always used when the word occurs contrastively, (e.g. 'It's **his** not hers'), and when it is in final position, (e.g. 'He said it was **his**'). When the word is unstressed the weak pronunciation is usually / ɪz / (e.g. 'Take **his** name', / 'teɪk ɪz 'neɪm /).

(Another sense of 'his', as in 'it was **his**', / ɪt wəz 'hɪz/; '**His** was late' / 'hɪz wəz 'leɪt /, always has the strong form.)