

List of common English words that have weak forms (used when the word is not stressed):

a	/ə/	I've got a new dress.
am	/əm/ /m/	I'm not going home, am I?
an	/ən/	That's an apple
and	/ənd/ /ən/	We need some salt and pepper.
any	/əni/	Do you have any money?
are	/ə/	They are at school just now.
as	/əz/	It was as big as an elephant.
at	/ət/	She works at night.
be	/bi/ /bi/	He's going to be late.
been	/bin/	Have you been here long?
but	/bət/	The food is good but the service is terrible.
can	/kən/ /kn/	Can you come early?
could	/kəd/	I think he could pass the exam.
do	/də/	Do you need any help?
does	/dəz/	He doesn't live in London, does he?
for	/fə/	It's a present for my dad.
from	/frəm/	That book's from Julia.
had	/həd/ /əd/ /d/	I had a car when I was at university.
has	/həz/ /əz/ /z/	He has been here for years.
have	/həv/ /əv/ /v/	I've had lunch already.
he	/hi/ /i/	She thinks he's handsome.
her	/ə/ /hə/	Tom told her that the meeting had been cancelled.
him	/ɪm/	I've bought him some chocolate.
his	/ɪz/	That's his last chance.
I	/ɪ/	I wish I had gone to bed earlier.
me	/mi/	John called me last night.
must	/məst/ /məs/	You really must take your umbrella.
of	/əv/ /v/	That's part of the problem.

our	/ɑː/	She dropped her coffee on our rug.
shall	/ʃəl/	Shall we go out for dinner?
she	/ʃi/	I think she's gone to the library.
should	/ʃəd/	You really should get a haircut.
some	/səm/ /sm/	They bought some bread this morning.
than	/ðən/ /ðn/	This part of London is much busier than where I live.
the	/ðə/	Have you seen the front door keys?
them	/ðəm/	We dropped them off at the airport.
there	/ðə/ /ðɜː/	The restaurant is over there.
to	/tə/	Are you going to the party tonight?
us	/əs/ /s/	Lucy gave us one of her kittens.
was	/wəz/	It was a beautiful day.
we	/wi/	I wonder when we should leave.
were	/wə/	They were late again!
who	/hu/	Do you know who that girl is?
will	/wəl/ /əl/ /l/	He'll arrive later.
would	/wəd/ /d/	If I were you, I would study a bit more.
you	/jə/ /ju/	Do you like chocolate?
yours	/jə/ /jɜː/	Is that your coat?

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