

Weak forms

What is meant by weak forms?

- The way that word is pronounced when there is no stress on it is called a weak form.
 - The use of weak forms is an essential part of the English speech and you must learn to use them.
- There are 35 English weak forms.

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- Weak forms **are grammatical words**, are words that help us construct the sentence but they don't mean anything: articles, prepositions, conjunctions, auxiliary verbs, etc.
- These words have no stress, and so they are weakened. That weakened form is called "weak form" as opposed to a "strong form",
- **strong form** is the full form of the word pronounced with stress. The strong form only happens when we pronounce the words alone, or when we emphasize them. Weak forms are very often pronounced with a schwa, and so are very weak and sometimes a bit difficult to hear properly.

The use of strong forms:

- Whenever the word is stressed .
- Whenever the word is in final position.

Example of weak forms

Fluency and Rhythm

Fluency : It is the saying of the word groups fluently, smoothly, with no gaps or hesitations in the middle.

Rhythm:- the regular occurrence of prominent units in speech. Rhythm is detectable in stressed syllables. The timing is not as regular as a clock.; The regularity of occurrence is relative.

