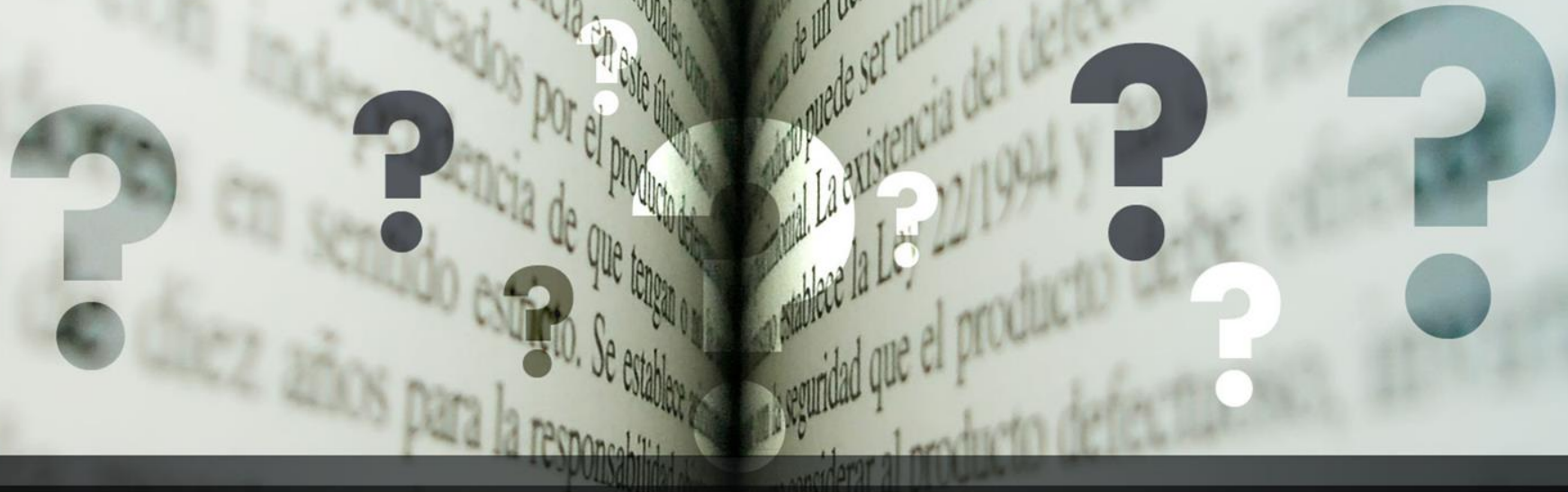


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Chapter 12: Weak Forms

Types of Forms:

- Strong
- Weak

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Why study weak forms?

- To speak like native speakers.
- To understand native speakers when they use weak forms.

Question: How many weak forms are there in English?

Answer: Approximately 40

Question: To which class of words do the weak-form words belong to?

Answer: Function words

What are the contexts in which the weak-form words become strong?

- When they occur at the end of a sentence.
- When weak-form words are being contrasted.
- When weak-form words are being coordinated.
- When a weak-form word is given stress for the purpose of emphasis.
- When a weak-form word is being "cited" or "quoted".

Transcribe the following sentences using the appropriate strong and weak forms:

- I'm fond of chips.
- Eat an apple.
- Come and see.
- Fish and chips.
- The price is the thing that annoys me.
- Take his name.
- Take her home.
- Take her out.
- Take your time.
- On your own.
- Which did he choose?
- I've seen him.
- Thanks for asking.
- Try to stop.
- Time to eat.
- There should be a rule.
- They can wait.