

2 PRONUNCIATION /ə/, two pronunciations of *the*

a  3.3 Listen and complete the sentences.

- 1 I'd like _____ to speak _____ to the manager _____.
- 2 The bus is _____ train.
- 3 What are we going _____?
- 4 Could you open _____?
- 5 She needs _____ her ankle.
- 6 We want _____ tomorrow.

b  3.3 Listen again and repeat.

c  3.4 Listen and repeat the phrases. Pay attention to the pronunciation of *the*.

- 1 The conversation was about the woman next door.
- 2 The university invited a guest to speak at the meeting.
- 3 I sometimes go to the theatre in the evening.
- 4 We took the lift instead of walking up the stairs.
- 5 The office gave me all the information I needed.
- 6 The grey skirt is nice, but I prefer the black one.