

Intonation

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INTONATION

- Sentence Stress determines **rhythm**
- Intonation determines **pitch, melody.**
- Tone Languages
 - Chinese “ma” can be *mother*, *hemp* or *scold*.

INTONATION

- **Onset syllable**: first stressed syllable in an utterance
- **Tonic syllable**: last stressed syllable in an utterance
- **Tone unit**: an utterance that includes one onset syllable and one tonic syllable
- **Key**: the pitch kept from the onset syllable to the tonic syllable

INTONATION

- **Tone:** pitch movement
 - Rise
 - Fall
 - Fall-rise
 - Rise-fall
 - ↘ yes - answering
 - ↗ yes - asking
 - ^ yes - euphoric
 - ✓ yes - confirming what someone has said

INTONATION

*What time does the airplane
leave?*

1 tone unit

Onset syllable: what

Tonic syllable: air

Tone: fall

INTONATION AND GRAMMAR

- Statements fall:

He lives in the house on the corner.

- Information (-wh) questions fall when asked for the first time:

What's your name?

- Information (-wh) questions rise when asked for the second time:

What's your name? (I didn't hear it right)

INTONATION AND GRAMMAR

- Yes/no questions rise:

Are you ok?

- Tag questions expecting information rise:

You're a doctor, aren't you? (I really don't know)

- Tag questions expecting confirmation fall:

It's a lovely day, isn't it? (small talk)

INTONATION AND GRAMMAR

- Imperatives fall:

Sit down and put it on the table.

- Lists rise, rise, rise and fall:

I'll need a pen, a pencil and eraser and a sharpner.

- Non-final clauses fall-rise:

If I had a million dollars, I'd travel around the world.

INTONATION AND GRAMMAR

- Echo questions rise:
What I will do? I'll quit tomorrow.

INTONATION AND ATTITUDE

- With intonation it is possible to notice if the speaker is happy, excited, angry, proud, dubious, sceptical, friendly, shocked, etc.

INTONATION AND ATTITUDE

- ↘ right - answering
- ↗ right - asking
- ^ right - euphoric
- ✓ right - confirming what someone has said
- right - showing you're following the conversation

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