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INTONATIONS



Falling intonation

The falling intonation is the most common intonation pattern in English. You'll hear it in a statement.

→ Statement = A simple sentence (affirmative or negative), not a question, not an exclamation. For example:

"I like cookies."

"We don't have time."

"Sarah is here."

In a common statement, intonation falls slightly at the end. In other words, the last syllable of the sentence is a bit lower (in pitch), and a bit quieter. Try to listen to the falling intonation, and repeat the examples to practice. When I was teaching English with businesses, managers often had trouble with the correct intonation in the beginning, and they often felt it was impossible to fix. But it is possible, and it can be done! You need to know the rules, but you also need action, practice. That's what makes all the difference!

Rising intonation

"Yes / No" questions are questions that you can answer with "yes" or "no" (they often begin with a verb like "do", "be," "have," will," "would", "can", or "could.")

For example:

"Will I be involved?"

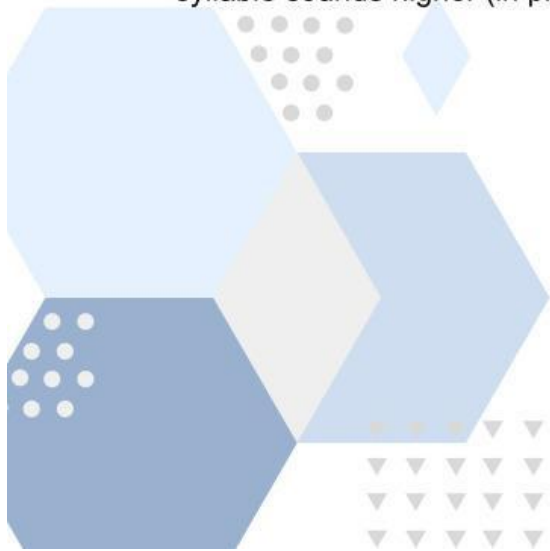
"Can they finish the project in time?"

"Is English important or urgent?"

"Is there a secret?"

"Do you have an idea for a solution?"

In these sentences, the intonation rises at the end of the sentence. In other words, the last syllable sounds higher (in pitch), and a bit louder. It shows that you're asking a question!



INTONATION

Mrs. Jones: 'Good' morning, 'Susan. 'Where are you' going?

Susan: 'Hi, 'Mrs. 'Jones! I'm 'going to the' store.

Mrs. Jones: 'I need to go, 'too. Let's 'go to' gether.

Susan: 'Sounds' good. Are you 'buying' food?

Mrs. Jones: 'Yes. I 'want to get something 'healthy for my' family.

Susan: Will you get 'fruit or 'vegetables?

Mrs. Jones: 'Yes, but there's a' problem.

My 'kids don't like' vegetables, and my 'husband doesn't like' fruit.

Susan: So will you get 'fruit or 'vegetables?

Mrs. Jones: I 'think I'll get' both: 'apples, ba'nanas, 'carrots, and to' matoes.

Susan: You have 'two kids, 'don't you?

Mrs. Jones: 'Yes. 'Two' boys.

Susan: I'm 'sure they 'eat a' lot, 'don't they?

Mrs. Jones: 'That's' for sure. 'They eat 'more than my' husband does.

Susan: How 'often do you 'have to go' shopping?

Mrs. Jones: About 'twice a' week.

Susan: Do you 'usually' walk to the 'store?

Mrs. Jones: 'No, I 'usually' drive to the 'store.

Susan: 'Well, 'here we' are.