

Intonation Patterns:

- The description of an intonation pattern is the manner a person's voice raises and lowers dependent on what they are speaking about. An example of an intonation pattern is raising your voice at the close of a question.
- It is the variation in the pitch of the speaker's voice used to convey information or alter meaning.

- **Rising intonation**

- Rising intonation describes how the voice rises at the end of a sentence. Rising intonation is shared in yes-no questions:
 - I listen to the Health Centre is expanding. So, is that the new doctor?
 - Are you thirsty?

- **falling intonation**

- Falling intonation describes how the voice falls on the final stressed syllable of a phrase or a cluster of words. A falling intonation is very shared in wh-questions.
 - Where's the nearest Hospital?

- There are three basic pitches in English – normal, high, and low.

- The normal pitch is where the voice usually is.
- High is where the voice rises to specify information focus.
- Low is where the voice falls, usually at the end of sentences.