

Practice Intonation

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Intonation Practice

In general, English has two basic intonation patterns:

1. Your voice rises in Yes-No questions. You should always rise on the last word of the question.

Are you going to take a trip next **year**?

Is your friend going to drive with **us**?

Will the homework assignment take a lot of **time**?

Can the consulate help you with your visa **problem**?

Could you please give me your cell phone **number**?

Would you like a piece of **pie**?

Have you paid your rent this **month**?

Will you be able to go to the game with **us**?

Do you have any plans for the **weekend**?



2. Your voice rises and falls in statements and WH-questions. Practice rising and falling intonation with the following sentences. Notice that in some sentences the rising and falling intonation applies to more than one word.

I'm planning a vacation in **Florida**.

My friend is going to drive to **New York with us**.

The homework assignment won't take much **time**.

The weather in my country is hot and **humid**.

My family hasn't done much **traveling**.

Why do you want my **phone number**?

Where should I go for help with my **visa problem**?

What kind of desserts do you **have**?

Who are you going to the **football game with**?



When do you have to pay your **rent**?

How much will I pay for a good used **car**?