

INTONATION

Intonation is referred to as the music of any language.

In English language intonation or tone is used by speakers to express emotion, questioning and differentiate parts of a sentence.

Example

Do you need some help?

INTONATION PATTERNS

1. Rising tone
2. Falling tone
3. Rising-Falling tone
4. Falling-Rising tone
5. Flat
6. High
7. Low

Example..How many

Falling tone...End of a sentence

Example...

She is a **teacher**.

I might **be late today**.

I live in **Kolkata**.

Rising tone....sentence is not finished

Example

She is a **teacher**,although she is not working now.

I might be a bit **late** because I don't finish work until seven.

Falling tone...new information

Rising tone....old information

Example...

I thought **you** were going to buy the **book**.

How are we going to **study** if we don't have any **book**?

We can go to **bookshop** and buy books from there.

I think bookshop is closed on **Saturday**.

It's not **Saturday** today,it's **Sunday**.

Falling tone...you don't know the answer

Rising tone...you think you know the answer

Example..

You got back yesterday right?

Are you tired?

Is that in America?

What do you like most?

Did you have a good time?

Falling tone..Making comment

Rising tone...Criticism

Falling tone..Making suggestion

Example

Isn't it delicious?

Are you insane?

Why don't we go for a coffe?

To sound surprised you can use rising tone

To express doubt you can use rising tone

To sound sarcastic you can use falling tone