

# Rising & Falling Tones

when to use the rising and falling tones

## Rising tone

### Yes / No Questions

- Do you like it ? /
- Can we meet at 3 ? /
- Did you have lunch ? /
- Are you serious ? /
- Does this make sense ? /

### Asking for repetition

- The question word gets stressed as well
- the middle of the sentence goes much lower to express the contrast : / \ \_\_ \_\_  
\_\_ \_ / ?

- Wait , WHEN are we meeting ? /
- How MUCH is that going to cost? /
- When was this delivered ? /
- What are the final numbers ? /
- Why did we choose that ? /
- How long is this session ? /
- Whose idea was this ? /

### Structurally statement sentence turned into a question

- She got the job . \ -> She got the job? /
- He got married . \ -> He got married ? /
- They loved it . \ -> They loved it ? /
- It was amazing . \ - > It was amazing ? /
- I have a suggestion . \ -> I have a suggestion ? /

### Non-final intonation

- Letting know that you have more to say

It's a lot of money / , but it's worth it . \

He's a little intense / , but he's extremely talented . \

If we follow this plan / , we'll be debt free in a year . \

With this new job / , I'll have to work weekends . \

We talked about it / , and now I feel a lot better . \

If we do this / , there's no turning back . \

### **Questions that give choices**

Do you want a medium / , or a large \ ?

Would Tuesday / , Wednesday / , or Thursday \ work better?

Should we go out / , or stay in \ ?

Would you prefer soup / , or a salad \ ?

Do you like the grey / , the blue / , or the red \ ?

Red wine / , or white \ ?

### **Falling tone**

#### **Statements**

Let's eat outside \

It's nice to meet you \

It was a great trip \

That's an excellent suggestion \

#### **'W/H' questions**

What works best ? \

Why'd you say that ? \

Who else will be there ? \

When's this due ? \

When do you leave ? \

Where do you live ? \

Where did you find that ? \

When can they meet ? \

How'd it go ? \