

AAE103

L17 : Intonation 3

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practice

1. how many books did you read
2. I can play Chopin and Bach
3. was that a police car
4. he brought his tennis racket didn't he
5. I could do it tonight
6. I am studying maths and physics
7. you've finished your work haven't you
8. that's marvellous

overview

- information boundaries
- relative clauses
- old/new information

phrase / clause

- a clause has a verb
- a phrase has a head

practice : phrase or clause?

1. **On Monday**, he will come here.
2. **When he arrived**, he went to bed.
3. I will be happy **if you agree**.
4. I like to read **at the end of a long day**.
5. I asked **the girl at the back** a question.

delimiting information

- intonation can help delimit information
 - the tone unit boundary indicates a break
1. | those who ^vfinished | quickly washed the dishes |
 2. | those who finished ^vquickly | washed the dishes |
- in 1, *quickly* modifies *washed*. In 2, *quickly* modifies *finished*
 - in this example, the tone unit boundary marks the end of the subject

clause boundaries

- sometimes the tone unit boundary marks the end of an adverb clause

| if you've read it ^vquietly | go \home |

| if you've ^vread it | quietly go \home |

practice

1. students who write quickly answer this
2. students who write quickly answer this
3. if you know her mother will be happy
4. if you know her mother will be happy
5. whenever I eat her baby cries
6. whenever I eat her baby cries

non-final tones

can have:

- rise
- fall-rise

| on /Monday | we have a \test |

| on ^vMonday | we have a \test |

- there seems little change in meaning

relative clauses

two kinds:

- restrictive : help identify the noun
- non-restrictive : describe the noun

My sister who lives in Bedok is married.

My sister, who lives in Bedok, is married.

restrictive relative clauses

- no commas
- *that* can be used
- relative pronoun can be omitted unless it is the subject
- same tone unit as head noun

| the man that ^vteaches us | is \brilliant |

| the house I /live in | is very \comfortable |

non-restrictive relative clauses

- the head noun is already known (or unique)
- separated by commas
- *that* not possible
- same tone as head noun

| my ^vmother | who lives in Be^vdok | is a\lone |

apositive phrases

- like a relative clause, but has no verb
- can be restrictive or non-restrictive

The play "Hamlet" is by Shakespeare.
My tutor, Dr Deterding, is handsome.

intonation of apositive phrases

- have own tone unit
- same tone as head noun

| my ˈsɪstə | a ˈstjuːdnt | lives on \ˈkæmpʊs |
| my /sɪstə | a /stjuːdnt | lives on \ˈkæmpʊs |

practice

1. on Sunday where will you go
2. my father a police officer is very happy
3. the book you bought is quite long
4. when you eat durian are you happy
5. you brought your phone didn't you
6. I could buy her a book or a CD
7. next year will you move house
8. this exam is quite easy isn't it

Reading

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