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Why Intonation is Important

Helps listeners understand meaning clearly

Shows emotion (happy, angry, surprised, doubtful)

Distinguishes between statement and question

Makes speech natural and fluent

3. Main Types of Intonation

(A) Falling Intonation (↘)

The voice goes down at the end.

Used in:

Statements → She is happy.

WH-questions → Where are you going?

Commands → Close the door.

Meaning: The idea is complete and certain.

(B) Rising Intonation (↗)

The voice goes up at the end.

Used in:

Yes/No questions → Are you ready?

Doubt or surprise → Really?

Polite requests → Can you help me?

Meaning: The speaker expects an answer or confirmation.

(C) Rise–Fall Intonation (↗↘)

The voice rises and then falls.

Used in:

Strong feelings → That's wonderful!

Emphasis or excitement → Amazing!

Meaning: Shows strong emotion or importance.