

Practicing Intonation and Pausing When Reading

Introduction:

When reading out loud, it is important to use correct intonation and spacing. Intonation means letting the pitch of your voice raise or lower and spacing means using appropriate pauses. Read the sentences below with correct intonation and spacing. Use the key at the top as a guide.

Key:

- ? Rising intonation at the end of the sentence (pitch goes up)
- ! Add emphasis where appropriate
- . Lowering intonation at the end of the sentence (pitch goes down)
- , Short pause
- . Long pause
- : Long pause
- ; Long pause
- " " Pause before and after, possibly use different voice

Sentences:

Are you going to the store?

I'm going to the park.

I love going to the park!

Hey Betsy, have you seen Sarah?

I'm going to the store. I need some groceries.

After the store, we can go to the park.

When we get to the store, here's what I need: apples, bananas, and grapes.

On Sundays, the store is super busy; that's why I go on Fridays.

Sarah said, "That's my ball" before she took it away from Betsy.

Look, it's raining outside!