

Spice Up Your Speaking

1. Pitch Variety

There are four types of pitch changes you can make within words. The arrows below indicate whether the voice goes up, down, or remains level in the examples.

No change in inflection

johnny →

Inflection up or rising pitch

johnny ↗

Inflection down or lowering pitch

johnny ↘

Inflection up and down

johnny ↘↗

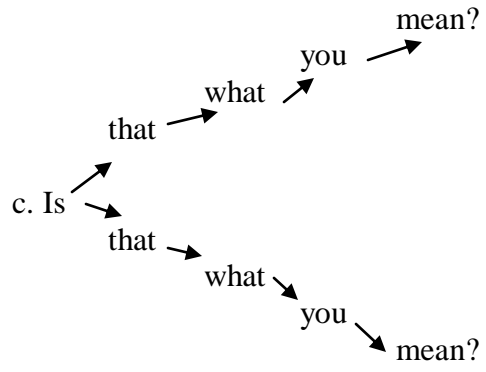
Inflection down and up

johnny ↗↘

Practice the following words and sentences, and change the pitch as indicated:

- a.
- | | | | |
|-------|----|---------|----|
| hello | → | goodbye | → |
| hello | ↘↗ | goodbye | ↘↗ |
| hello | ↗↘ | goodbye | ↗↘ |
| yes | → | no | → |
| yes | ↘↗ | no | ↘↗ |
| yes | ↗↘ | no | ↗↘ |

- b.
- | | | |
|--------|----|-------|
| doing | ↗ | what? |
| Stop, | ↗↘ | |
| doing, | ↘↗ | |
| that. | ↘ | |



d. Take sentences from a book, magazine, or newspaper, and break them up in step shifts up and down as in the preceding examples. Practice in this manner with various kinds and styles of reading materials.