

# Mmmm and other noises!!

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## Connected speech review:

Can you backchain these sentences (in chunks)?

Why don't you meet him Downtown?	Why don't you meet her at home?
The All Black tour is a media event.	Pasifika is a media event.
Do you want to go in or go out?	Did he go in or go out?
Do you want your hamburger with raw onion?	Do you like raw onion?
How was your weekend?	How was the party?

## Phonemes

In pairs or small groups talk about & compare how you would correct the following:

- I'm not com fort able. (equal stress to each syllable of comfortable.)
- I want an ale (aisle) seat.
- I sink iz gud.
- It's made of iron. (The r is pronounced.)
- I've got a blue at.
- ...sicty si(c) (66).
- You have to pack your cloth ses.
- I like salada.
- He's farcking. (He's parking)

## Intonation

When we use question tags, eg isn't it? can't you ?, do our voices go up or down for:  
surprise, confirmation of answer                      unsure of answer

What other functions does intonation have ?

What are the three main ways to practise intonation? How can you show it?  
(check the mindmap for answers if you don't know!)

## Activities

- In pairs or small groups draw arrows to show tone for "Mmmmm !":  
disappointment, (really) like, agree, doubt, I'm listening, hate.  
Now say, "Mmmm!" and your partner guesses the attitude.
  - In pairs or small groups draw arrows to show tone for "Right!":  
question, confirmation, really like, resignation/you win, let's start, listening...but...  
Now say, "Right!!" and your partner guesses the attitude.
  - Say, "OK!" and your partner guesses the attitude.  
asking perminssion, granting permission, doubt, love, you win
  - Chain drills: eg I went shopping and I bought some eggs, some fruit and some juice.
  - Drills: Can you tell me where the (bank/P.O.etc) is?  
Add please on the end and try again!
- Intermediate speculation: It could/might/may be {up} vs can't/must{down} be a ...
- "Thanks!" with gifts to show a range of emotions. Give unexpected picture gifts!!
  - When you get to the office, you'll see a tall man called JOHN. When you SEE John, give him this letter.  
(Advanced: Create similar sentences to show new and old information.)