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| **Intonation: And Grammar** |
| Intonation is the change in voice pitch (up or down) as we say something. Some languages, for example Chinese and Thai, have many rules for intonation. In English we only have a few rules: * Statements are said with falling intonation.

  *My sister moved to Australia.** Yes/no questions are said with rising intonation.

  *Are you Canadian?** Wh-questions are said with falling intonation.

  *What is your name?** Tag questions that are used for clarification have a rising-falling intonation.

 *Your name is Melissa, isn’t it?** Tag questions that are used to express uncertainty have a rising intonation.

*Your name is Melissa, isn’t it?** When we list items, we use a rising intonation with all the items in the list, except the last one. We use a falling intonation with the last item.

  *I need apples, oranges, grapes and bananas.*IMPORTANT: One thing to avoid is the use of rising intonation in statements. Among certain groups of people (for example teenage girls) and in certain regions (Australia), rising intonation is commonly used with statements. Elsewhere, however, rising intonation used with statements gives the listener the impression that you are not completely sure about what you are saying. |

*A. Write the intonation on the sentences and questions below. Work with a partner to practice pronouncing the sentences and questions. Make sure you have the correct intonation.*

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| What kinds of movies do you like? | The film starts at seven o’clock. |
| You live in Montreal, don’t you? (uncertain) | Do you like Japanese food? |

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| We are having steak, potatoes and salad for dinner. | You have been to Vancouver, haven’t you? (clarification) |
| My father used to work in Africa. | Are you interested in going to a movie tonight? |
| Who is your favourite actor? | Your sister is a nurse, isn’t she? (uncertain) |
| The store sells shoes, boots, jackets and accessories. | How long have you lived in Canada? |
| You studied business at university, didn’t you? (clarification) | Have you ever been sky diving? |
| I am from France. | I think it’s important that we finish this quickly. |
| I have lived in Japan, Australia, the US, the UK and Canada. | Where do you work? |