EASTER CLASS on STRESS, RHYTHM and INTONATION

Rule of S&R #1

You

- 'only stress
- 'words which you
- 'wouldn't leave
- 'out in a
- 'text message.



Rule of S&R #2

- 'Stressed
- 'syllables are at
- 'constant
- 'distances from each
- 'other.





Rule of S&R #3

- 'Any un-
- 'stressed
- 'syllables at the be-
- 'ginning of a
- 'stress group are
- 'said
- 'very
- 'quickly.







S&R exercise #1: Nursery Rhyme



Hot cross buns,



hot cross buns,

- One a penny, two a penny,
- Hot cross buns.



- If you have no daughters,
- Give them to your sons.



- One a penny, two a penny,
- Hot cross buns.

Hot Cross Buns!





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S&R exercise #2: a Dialogue



do it?

glasses.

dropped them on the floor.



You must get them re-

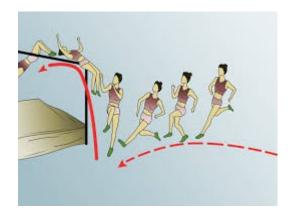
paired.

INTONATION

- Don't give up tunes (especially the falling ones) used in your mother tongues!!!
- The four classical tunes as defined by Roger Kingdon are the following:
- H.J. high jump
- G.U. glide up
- H.D. high dive
- T.O. take off

High Jump

Your voice falls on the intonation centre (IC). Used for statements, wh-questions, hearty greetings and thanks. It signals that you have finished.



Glide Up

Your voice rises on the IC.

Used for yes-no questions, casual thanks and greetings, for polite reassuring orders (typically when speaking to

children or patients).

Sometimes viewed as a patronising

tune.



High Dive

Your voice falls deep, vanishes and reemerges, rising. Signals worry, doubt, hesitation and contradiction (an unsaid 'but').



Take Off

Voice flat and then rises quickly on the IC. An extremely unpleasant and rare tune signalling a high degree of distress.



S&R again: INTONATION CENTRE (NUCLEUS)

A sentence can contain some, or all, of these kinds of syllables:

- pre-head = unstressed syllables before the first stressed one
- head = the stressed syllable(s) before the IC
- nucleus (IC) = where the tune is realised
- tail = anything after the nucleus = no change in tune

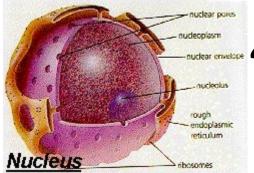


EXAMPLE PHRASE



For

'rid of the de-



nuclear criveloce **'voi**cing when you're



'speaking please guys.

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