

Finding Your American Voice

Introduction to American English Pronunciation

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Four Parts of Accent

Voice Quality

Voice quality means where your voice comes from. Some languages come from the nose, some come from the throat, and some come from the chest.

Intonation

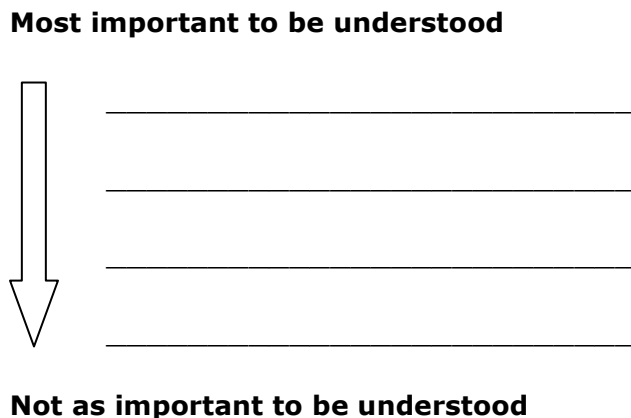
Intonation is the music of the language. Every language has its own rhythm.

Liaisons

A *liaison* is a French word that means connection. Liaisons in language connect sounds and words together to make them smooth.

Pronunciation

Pronunciation (also called *articulation*) is the sound of the vowels and consonants. They are made by the placement of the tongue, teeth, lips and vocal cords.



Diagrams of Intonation

Spanish

German

French

Chinese

Japanese

English