

1. The Low Drop

(High Head) + Low Fall

In STATEMENTS: with no head, cool, detached, dispassionate, reserved, dull, possibly grim or surly; with a high head, judicial, weighty, and considered.

'So he ˘ has

In WH-Questions with no head: detached, flat, unsympathetic, even hostile;
with a high head: searching, serious, intense, urgent

'How on ˚ earth does he ˚ keep it ˘ up?

In YES-NO QUESTIONS with no head uninterested, hostile; with a high head: serious, urgent

'Is ˘ John ˚ going to co. operate?

In Commands with no head, unemotional calm, controlled, cold; with a high head: very serious and strong.

'Now re ˘ peat the ˚ process!

In Interjections with no head: calm, reserved, self-possessed; with a high head – very strong

'What a disap ˘ pointment!

2. The High Drop

(High Head) + High Fall

In STATEMENTS: conveying a sense of involvement, light, airy.

'Just a ˚ cross the ˘ road.

In WH-Questions: brisk, business-like, considered

'How long is he ˚ staying ˘ up ˚ here.

In YES-NO QUESTIONS willing to discuss, but not urgently, sometimes sceptical:

Does it 'really make ° very much `difference?

(in question tags used as independent comments) mildly surprised acceptance of listeners premises

`Am I?

In Commands: suggesting a course of action and not worrying whether they are being obeyed:

`Force yourself to ° drink it.

In Interjections: Mildly surprised, not so self-possessed:

Well if it 'isn't ° old `Tom!

3. The Take-Off

(Low Head) + Low Rise

In STATEMENTS: encouraging further conversation, guarded reserving judgement, appealing to the listener to change his mind, deprecatory, resentful

You're ,home , early to ° day.

in non-final word groups, deprecatory

It , works.

In WH-Questions: with the nuclear tone on the interrogative word, wondering, mildly puzzling; otherwise, very calm but disapproving.

,Which did , you pre ° fer then?

In YES-NO QUESTIONS: disapproving, sceptical

,Are you , really ° sorry?

In Commands: (beginning with *Don't*) appealing to the listener to change his mind; (in a few short commands): calmly warning, exhortative.

,Don't be so , silly!

In Interjections: calm, reserving judgement, casual acknowledgement

I ,beg your ,pardon!

4. The Low Bounce

High head + Low Rise

In STATEMENTS: soothing, reassuring, hint of self-confidence; (in echoes) questioning with a tone of surprise; (in non-final word groups) creating expectancy about what is to follow.

'Nothing at °all ,serious.

In WH-Questions: with the nuclear on the interrogative word, puzzled; (in echoes), disapproving; otherwise, sympathetically interested:

They 'charged you ,how much?

In YES-NO QUESTIONS: genuinely interested:

'Did you go ,last year?

In Commands: soothing, encouraging, calmly patronising:

Well, 'wind it ,up then.

In Interjections: airy, casual yet encouraging and often friendly.

'Right ,o!

5. The Switchback

Falling head + Fall-Rise

In STATEMENTS: grudgingly admitting, reluctantly or defensively dissenting, concerned, hurt; (in echoes), astonished.

I ↘ do ∼sometimes. || But ↘never before ∼lunch

In QUESTIONS: (in echoes) greatly astonished; otherwise, interested and concerned, yet surprised.

↘What could ∼you do?

In Commands: urgently warning with a note of reproach or concern.

↘Try and be ◦ there by ↗six.

In Interjections: scornful

↘Not on your ↗life I ◦ won't!

6. The Long Jump

Rising Head + High Fall

In STATEMENTS: protesting as if suffering under a sense of injustice.

I ↗can't i ◦ magine what he` sees in it.

In WH-QUESTIONS: protesting, somewhat unpleasantly surprised.

↗Which one ◦ would you` like?

In Yes-No QUESTIONS: willing to discuss but protesting the need for settling a crucial point

↗Were they ◦ here `yesterday?

In Commands: recommending a course of action, but with a note of critical surprise.

↗Go to `bed in ◦ that case.

In interjections: surprised. protesting

↗What a ◦ stupid` idea!

7. The High Bounce

(High head) + High Rise

In STATEMENTS: questioning, trying to elicit a repetition, but lacking any suggestion of disapproval or puzzlement; (in non-final word groups), casual, tentative.

↗You've got to ◦ go?

In WH-QUESTIONS: calling for a repetition of the already given information, echoing the question or tentative, casual way of speaking.

You 'used to do' what to them?

In Yes-No QUESTIONS: echoing the question or light and casual.

'Does it ' matter?

In Commands and interjections: querying all or part of the interjection, but without critical intention.

'Don't ' worry, did you ° say?

8. The Jackknife

(High Head) + Rise-Fall

In STATEMENTS: impressed, awed, self-satisfied, challenging, disclaiming responsibility.

'That's all ^he ° knows.

In WH-QUESTIONS: challenging, disclaiming responsibility.

'Who ^does?

In Yes-No QUESTIONS: impressed, challenging.

But 'is it any^ safer?

In Commands: disclaiming responsibility, even hostile.

'Keep it as ° long as you ^like.

In interjections: impressed, sometimes a hint of accusation.

The 'sooner, the ^better.

9. The High Dive

(High Head) + High Fall + Low Rise

In STATEMENTS: appealing to the speaker to continue; expressing gladness, regret, surprise.

Î know you'd , enjoy it.

In QUESTIONS: very emotive, expressing despair, gushing warmth

`Why is he always so un , fortunate?

`Must you be so , obstinate?

In Commands: pleading, persuading.

`Do for , give me!

In interjections: intensely encouraging, protesting.

`Jolly , good!

10. The Terrace

(High head) + Mid-level

In All sentences: (in non-final word groups), marking non-finality, without conveying expectancy.

'John and George | seemed 'rather` keen.

'When was the letter | 'actually , dated?

Well, 'are you sure | you 'know the , way?

In Statements and Interjections: (in final word groups), calling out to someone as from a distance.

John!