



## Intonation in Dialogue

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A: "Hi! Are you coming to the party tomorrow?" ↗

*(rising yes/no question – checking, unsure if Ben is attending)*

B: "Yes, I am." ↘

*(falling statement – confident, complete)*

A: "Oh, really?" ↗

*(rising – surprised / interested)*

B: "Really." ↘

*(falling – slightly sarcastic / joking tone)*

A: "Well, I thought you might be busy..." ↘↑

*(fall-rise – polite, hesitant, softening the statement)*

B: "I could help set up if you want." ↘↑

*(fall-rise – polite offer)*

A: "Would you like some tea...?" ↘↑

*(fall-rise – polite, soft offer)*

B: "Yes, please." ↘

*(falling – straightforward acceptance)*

"So, who else is coming?" ↗

*(rising – asking for info, continuation of conversation)*

A: "I know Sarah ↗ and Tom ↗ are coming, and probably James... ↗ , and maybe Lucy ." ↘

*(rising-falling list pattern – rise on each item, fall on last one)*

B: "You saw Tom?" ↗

*(rising – expressing surprise/shock)*

A: "Yes! He actually said he's *bringing his dog*." ↗

*(rising – surprised/astonished info)*

B: "He's *doing what*?" ↗

*(rising – strong shock)*

A: "I can't believe it... Although he is quite strange" ↘↑

*(fall-rise – doubt, unsure how to react)*

B: "That's great! I'm glad he's coming" ↗

*(rising – excited, happy)*

A: "Yeah, that's great!" ↘

*(falling – sarcastic, disappointed – humor)*

B: "For the party, I think you should decorate the garden..." ↗

*(rising – continuation, expecting input / suggestion)*

A: "Maybe I should wait ↘ ↑... to see what the weather will be like"

*(fall-rise – hesitation, thinking aloud)*

B: "OK" ↘↑

*(fall-rise – expecting a "but" or comment, hesitating)*

A: "You're coming, aren't you?" ↗

*(tag question – genuinely asking)*

B: "Yes, I am." ↘

*(tag question – expects agreement, falling)*