

The Role of Intonation in Pragmatic Meaning

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Abstract. This article examines the role of intonation in conveying pragmatic meaning in spoken discourse. By analyzing various speech contexts, the study demonstrates how intonation patterns influence the interpretation of utterances. The findings highlight the significance of prosody in linguistic communication and enhance the understanding of the interplay between intonation and pragmatics.

Keywords: intonation, pragmatic meaning, prosody, spoken discourse, linguistic communication

Introduction

Intonation plays a crucial role in conveying pragmatic meaning in spoken discourse, influencing how utterances are interpreted by listeners. This study explores the relationship between intonation and pragmatics, focusing on how intonation patterns affect the meaning of spoken language. By analyzing speech from diverse contexts, the research reveals the impact of prosody on communication and the ways in which intonation contributes to effective language use. The findings provide valuable insights into the interaction between intonation and meaning in linguistic exchanges.

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