

Better Spoken English
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Lecture No. # 17
English Rhythm II

Good morning

Good morning sir

Are you all right?

Yes sir.

Comfortable?

Yes sir.

Have you had breakfast?

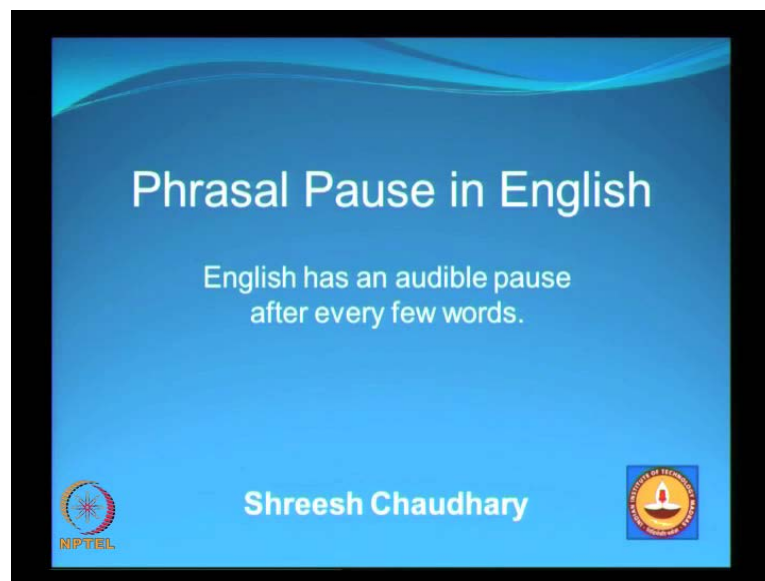
No sir.

What a pity a really! May be you know I should try and leave you early, go down for breakfast before you go to the next class. This morning, many people say today morning, do not say today morning, right expression there would be morning today or better say this morning. This morning we are going to begin our module in the pronunciation of English. And the first important part, the first important feature of the pronunciation of a standard English is, its phrasal pause. In many languages of the world we take a pause, what is a pause? A pause is a brief silence between two words or two sentences or two phrases.

In many Indian languages, we do have the brief period of silence between two sentences, but not between two phrases. We usually have the same length of silence between two words, two phrases, a little longer between two sentences, whereas in a English there is a

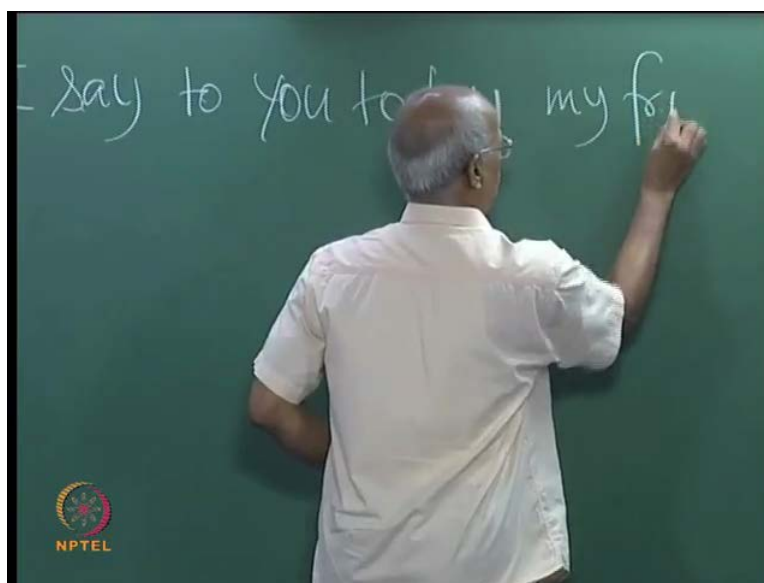
long silence between two sentences, in only a little less long between two phrases and slightly and still shorter silence between two words, but silence between groups of words, is known as pause between phrases or Phrasal Pause. And that is extremely important to the rhythm of English to the pronunciation of English. In English, you we do not say that we are all at studying at IIT Madras, which is located in Chennai. You take a policy, we are all is studying at IIT Madras which is located in Chennai. We take audible pauses notice every pauses between among groups of words.

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What is it? What is a phrase? The phrase is a group of words. I am going to give you a hand out, I think I have already given you hand out, take a look at that, take a look you know, look at the first paragraph there, use your pencil and ask yourself and mark with your pencil or pen all those words after “which” you will take the brief pause. Do you understand? I will repeat myself, I have given you a hand out just now, containing words from Martin Luther King famous speech “I have a dream”. Use your pencil or pen to mark those words after “which” you will take a pause; you can indicate you can indicate pause, by using the vertical stroke in this manner.

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Say for instance, where will be pause here, in these group of words the minimum would be this should be the minimum you know you must. So, in this manner using a stroke indicate pauses. Take couple of minutes and do only the first two paragraphs. Take a couple of minutes, do it individually later you can compare with your friends.

Don't have enough copies you are having to rewrite? Are you able to look through the first paragraphs? Aparna, Ashwin ? What is your name?

Vimal.

Vimal, are able to look the first paragraph a finished who did stand up and read it loud who did stand up and read it loud? I somebody do that please.

I say to you today my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Thank you.

Next, Somebody else, who it like to do? You see, it is not do it only one way. There can be more ways than one.

I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold these truths to be self evident and that all men are created equal.

Thank you.

Would you like to do it? Can you stand up please?

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Somebody else, from this side, as there are those two paragraph. So, do it again let see whom among. Please, Aman can you stand up please?

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold this truth to be self evident that all men and created equal.

Anybody else please. Anyone else, who wants to do it. Abarna , Ashwini. Aparna would you like to?

See to you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Last, someone before anyone else please.

I say to you today my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Thank you. So, just as you have paused, now you know, though a six students who read the text aloud, have not done it exactly the same way. But we have taken what we call audible pauses. The brief silence between groups of words, that is extremely important to the rhythm of English. You know, in English, unlike in Hindi, unlike in Tamil, unlike in Gujarati, unlike in many other languages; you do not complete the entire sentence, particularly if it is a long sentence, in one breath you pause after groups of words. How those groups of words are madet? I will tell you, will talk about that today, but let us first, here how Martin Luther King, a native educated speaker of American English a graduated of good university, well read in history and philosophy and sciences, how he has done it. So, I will play the voice, keep your ears to the audio, the voice, but your eyes to the text and use your pencil or pen to mark those words. After, which you think Martin Luther King has paused. Am I a clear to you? As you hear the audio, as you hear the recording of Martin Luther King speech, mark those words after “which” or before

“which”. Do I, you know, between those words were you feel, there is a brief period of noticeable silence. Am I clear? Say yes or no please.

Yes sir.

Let us go.

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Relax. Are you alright are you ok everybody please are you ok?

Yes sir.

Sit back, with you back to there. How do play it? Click on the right.

So, even though we face difficulties occupy and among. I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream, that one day, this nation will rise up, live out true meaning of Greek. We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

I will like one of you to would you like to do it again, but will all, you shall we have some people you know imitate Martin Luther King and then will do it again. Last bench please, somebody can you stand up and do take exactly those pauses as Martin Luther King did. What is your name?

lovely

I have a dream, that one day, this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of dream. We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Thank you. Last bench in first paragraph please. The way exactly the Martin Luther King did it.

I say you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today or tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Thank you. Anyone else? Somebody from the middle. Yes please .

I say you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

Somebody from there middle benches, here second, yes, can we please take the second paragraph. I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its Greek. We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Will listen to that recording once again and I will like to do imitate Martin Luther King exactly the length, the pause you know, imagine you are acting out of play. You did a good job really of imitating, imitate you know this is how. We are after all learning, somebody else is language somebody elses pronunciation. So, you know for a few moments, imagine that, you know you are acting in a play and try and get the voice the length, you know the duration that I say, also the pauses. Try and pay attention to those features of voice.

So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up, live out its true meaning of its dream. We hold these truth to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Thank you. Would do it do it with a voice you know, imagine for a moment and there is no reason why you cant imagine you are not greater than Martin Luther King.

I say you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream it is a dream deeply rooted in the American dreams.

Thank you. You went very fast, did the Martin Luther King did it so rapidly? did he do it so rapidly? Give me the second paragraph.

I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up, and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold these truth to be self evident that all men are created equal.

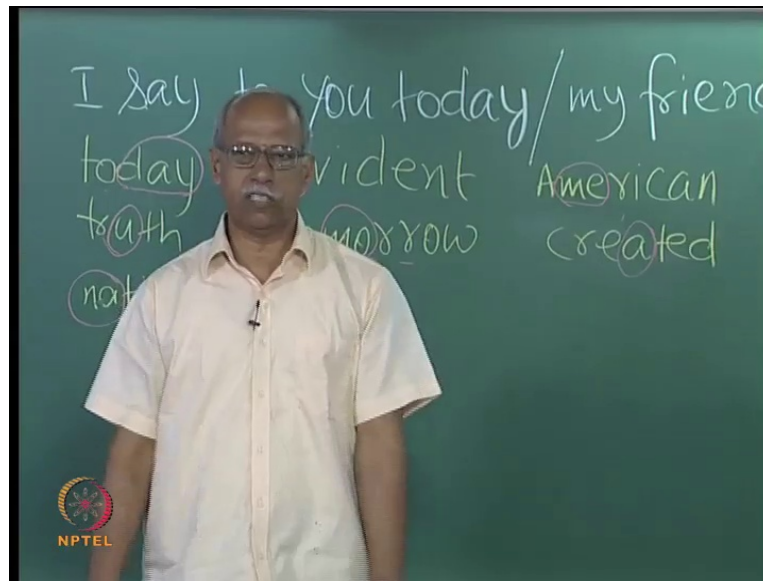
Ashwini do the first paragraph.

I say to you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream, deeply rooted in the American dreams. Kiran do the second paragraph.

I have a dream, that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Anyone else, wants do it or just couple of words you know before we go some of us have not taken the correct, you know pauses are that does not matter, you pause can be different, but there has to be a pause after groups of words, this is extremely important in English that particularly in a long sentence that we do not deliver or we do not utter the entire sentence in one breath. There, you though you know, it may differ , some people have not taken pause, even after words like, my friends, though quite often in English that is important, but before you go for, have you brought your dictionary everybody here? Please kindly check the pronunciation of t o d a y. How do you pronounce t o d a y?

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I am going to write from the board. And also the pronunciation of this word, and this word, and this word. Quick do not take longer than thirty second for any word and this word.

If there are symbols, which you do not, if there are symbols if there are symbols which are difficult to recognize, there is the key given at the bottom of the page. Or ask me I can help you. Aman, that the symbol is given in your dictionary. At some word, today when you go back to your room in the hostel, which word is this? Is it what is this what is this? This symbol I am going to write on the board, what we call tha you know in English pronunciation this symbol theta, this in the international phonetic alphabet. This symbols, that you see come from international phonetic alphabet. We call them I p a what are they I p a you know. So, this symbol indicates the sound, as in think as in feary, as in through, as in faut, as in thirty, as in three, fa, we in India produce it from the contact between tip of the tongue and the teeth. In English, there is no contact, but there is very close the proxy between. So, that is fa. How do you pronounce this word? Toda? Everybody please, how do you pronounce this word?

Today Today

Another noticeable feature of English pronunciation is, that is stress syllables of very long. This is very long and this is very short just it today. What is it?

Today

This is hardly heard, barely heard, had you do not say today it is a today what is it?

Today

And this is?

Tomorrow

Tomorrow and what is it.

Tomorrow

And this became very long this became short this became short what is this ?

Tomorrow

Therefore what do you said today and tomorrow what do you said today and tomorrow
once again what is this?

Today and tomorrow

Today and tomorrow what is this? Truth it is very long vowel. It is not truth, it is
truuuthhhh what is this?

Truuuuthhhhh.

We hold these truths what is this?

Truuthhhh

What is this?

Evident

Evident you know what is this?

Evident and what is this?

American

Last bench please here everybody please what is this?

American

What is this?

American

American stressed vowels in English stressed vowels in English are done with great clarity. They stand out from among, other you know you, here it longer than any other sound in that word. You here it longer than any other sound in that word. You here it longer. I will play it once again and this time please. Are you with me? Everybody please, are you with me ?

Yes sir.

Are you tried already?

No sir.

Are you tried already?

No sir

Together loud are you tried already

No sir.

Lovely. So, pay attention to the length of sounds now. Shall we do it?

So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream, that one day, this nation will rise up, live out its true meaning of its dream. We hold these truth to be self evident that all men are created equal.

Also look up this word, sorry, look up this word, in the dictionary please quickly and this word. Do not take longer than thirty second for any words. Got it? One day, I am going to have a speed dictionary reading competition thirty words. Who can do it in three minutes? That boy, that girl gets a dictionary for free. Shall we have it someday?

Yes sir.

Lovely. I like you participant correct and you will give me correct pronunciation. How do you pronounce it? Nation.

Nation

It is a very long, you know this part is very long. What is this?

Nation

And what is this? Created

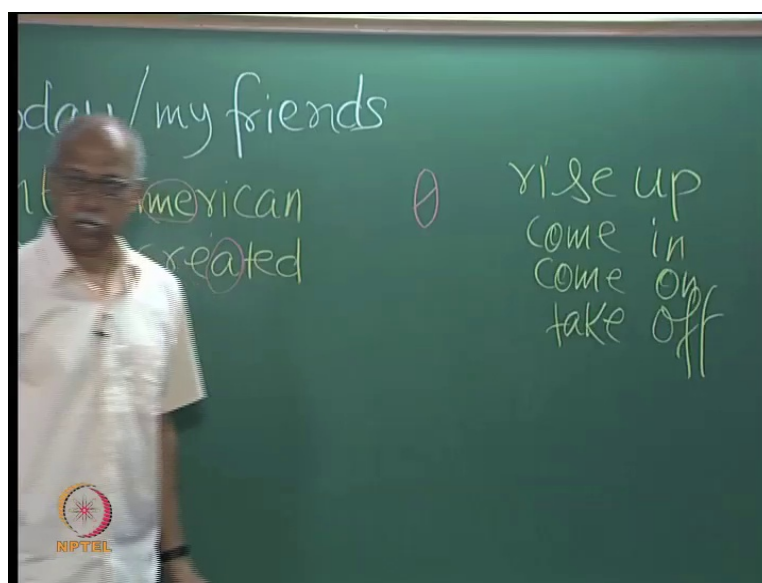
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Is it this or this which more important?

A.

Look up your dictionary, what is this? Are you able to read the symbols? Where is the word? Did you see that pronunciation? So, which sound is more important? Which sound take longer time this “a” that is why the stroke is here. In English, it is extremely important that you know you pay sufficient attention to the stress syllable.

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There is another interest in word, here are set of word, here a phrase, here this phrase is how does Martin Luther King pronounce it. Pronounce the rise up, how does it rise up, is this more prominent than this or is this more prominent than this. Pay attention this time, when I play last, I will not play to again.

So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream, deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day, this nation will rise up.

Which is more improminent this or this rise up. Rise up of how do it say rise up

Rise up.

Whenever you have, in English you know, whenever you have a verb followed by a preposition, to give up, take off, come in, it is the preposition that takes more prominent stress for example what is this?

Can you speak it aloud?

Rise up.

What is this?

Come in.

Come in what is this?

Come on.

Come on what is this?

Take off.

Take off. Well, last time I want somebody to read the entire thing with correct stresses. Those who have not done it, who have not done it on the first bench on. Yes please.

I say to you today, my friends. So, even though we face the difficulties.

So, even though you know, Martin Luther King said go on.

So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream, it is a dream deeply rooted in the dream.

Good thank you.

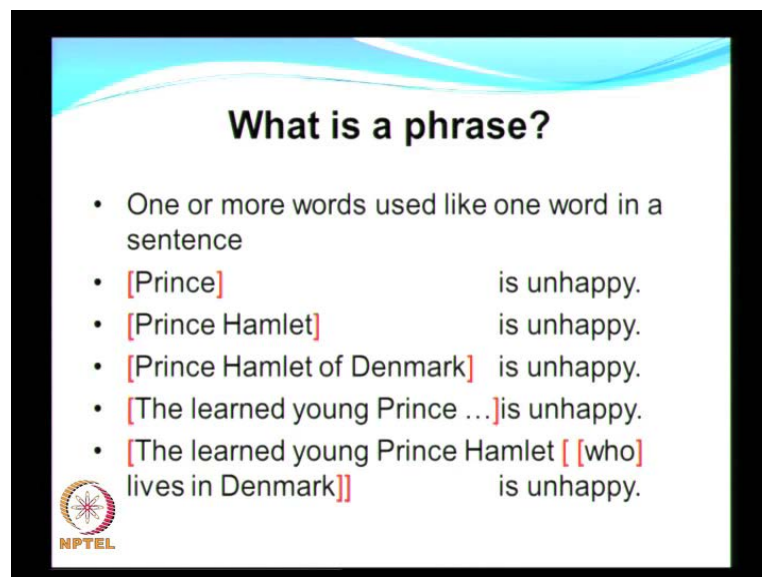
You are go on sorry I interrupted you, come on.

I have a dream, that one day, this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold these truth to be self evident that all men are created equal.

You please, come on, yes, you want to do it did not you please, stand up do it correct stress length pauses.


So, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream, it is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream, that one day, this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its dream. We hold this truth to be self evident that all men are created equal. You did a good job, except that in rise up in better prominent to rise, it should be to up this nation will rise up good well done.

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What is a phrase?

- One or more words used like one word in a sentence
- [Prince] is unhappy.
- [Prince Hamlet] is unhappy.
- [Prince Hamlet of Denmark] is unhappy.
- [The learned young Prince ...] is unhappy.
- [The learned young Prince Hamlet [[who] lives in Denmark]] is unhappy.

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Let us go, to other part, now, let we start some theory. What is a phrase? The phrase can will be one word is or more words more words that behave like one word. A phrase is nothing, but group of words that behave in terms of grammar like one word. So, for example, you can have the word like prince. You can also expand it and you can say

prince hamlet. They are both in the same function. They both work like the subject of the sentence. You can prince is unhappy. You still take a pause after prince a little noticeable part. Prince is unhappy. You can also say prince hamlet is unhappy. You can make it a still longer, you can say, prince hamlet of Denmark is unhappy.

You can make, you know, you can make it very long, you can also bring it bring a sentence on it you can say the learned young prince hamlet who lives in Denmark is unhappy. It is still you know, I have used red brackets there to indicate that this entire group of words. In the last sentence that a read aloud this, in this entire sentence you know that phrase has more than one word. So, many words it is still behaves like one word “prince” which is the subject of the sentence am I clear to you. So, we take a pause after subject, object each grammatical category, even if you do not know the definition, that does not matter because intuitively, we know, when one group of words and just now, you read this text aloud to me several time. And nearly everyone, got it write, I am not very happy with some of you know, your pronunciation of the stresses and length for that will come through practice, as for as pauses concern, we got it nearly completely right. The first principle of a phrasal pauses, we pause after every phrase, every noun, every word and noun phrase, verb phrase, adjectival phrase there can be one word in that phrase are there can be more than one word in that phrase.

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Phrases can be of many kinds

- Noun Phrase : Prince Hamlet
- Verb Phrase : This [is] a biscuit
 - John [eats a biscuit]
 - John [is eating a biscuit]
 - John [has been eating a biscuit]
 - John [has been made] to work longer hours
 - John [has been made [though [he] is reluctant] to work longer hours than the others...

Just now I give you some example. Let us look at another example, there can just as there is noun phrase there can be there can be verb phrase. You can have one or more words together you can have only is, this is a biscuit ordinarily you do not give much time to these words auxiliary words. What some times when you emphasize, somebody says, Was it there? And you can say no it is there, but that is a very, you know the exceptional situation, but look at the phrase just has this thing is a phrase by itself. So, it eats a biscuit. This thing entire, you know it dominated by the verb what does he eat? Eats a biscuit.

You can make it a still longer you can say is eating a biscuit. So, two words a still make a phrase. Is and eat it? Eating you can have a three words, there has been eating you can have more than three words, has been made to eat or you know in the next sentence it can go on. The idea is, all those words that behave in one particular way either like noun or like verb go together and you take pause after that, but if that group is very long, then you again take pause in the middle of the word unless you had a great hurry. Sometimes for the sake of effect you can be in a hurry and you can deliver more words together, but sometimes that cannot be the case.

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Phrases can be of many kinds

Adjectival Phrase

- [Red [rose]]
- [Pretty red] rose]]
- [all those pretty dark red] roses]...

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So, can there be adjectival phrases. So, for example, in red rose what is an adjective? Red. It describes the rose what kind of rose?

Red.

Rose what kind of rose?

Red rose.

What kind of rose?

Red rose. Take you know some of these words are you know, red has a very short sound red, but rose has a long sound what kind of rose.

Red rose.

You can make it, still you know, you can the phrase can become larger, you can have a two words in the adjectival phrase. What is it next?

Pretty red rose.

Pretty red rose. Or you can say a very red rose are you can say gloriously red rose. Or you can say a beautiful red rose. It is still is it is a phrase. Or you can make it further rose all those pretty red rose from Bangalore or from Coimbatore. You know, I am told that best roses are grown in this part of the country is Mysore, Bangalore. Is that right?

I do not know, but no matter the component all these words together works as a phrase, adjective that qualifies which word which word do they describe together?

Rose.


They describe the word rose together should behave like one phrase. Similarly, you know, you can have you can have phrases that take adverbs, time.

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Phrases can be of many kinds

- Prepositional Phrases: Old people love [to walk [in the morning[on streets that are uncrowded [for air that is unpolluted]]]]



So, for example, in these sentences, old people love to walk. Now comes adverb when do they love to walk? In the morning.

When do they love to walk?

In the morning

In the morning, where do they love to walk?

On street that are uncrowded

Why do they love to walk there?

For air that is unpolluted.

Yes, for air and then take a pause because is a long phrase, for air that is unpolluted in the morning no cars, no trucks, no buses, no motor bikes the air has much less carbon particulate in the air. Once again, old people love to walk when?

In the morning

In the morning where?

On the street that are uncrowded why?

For air that is unpolluted.

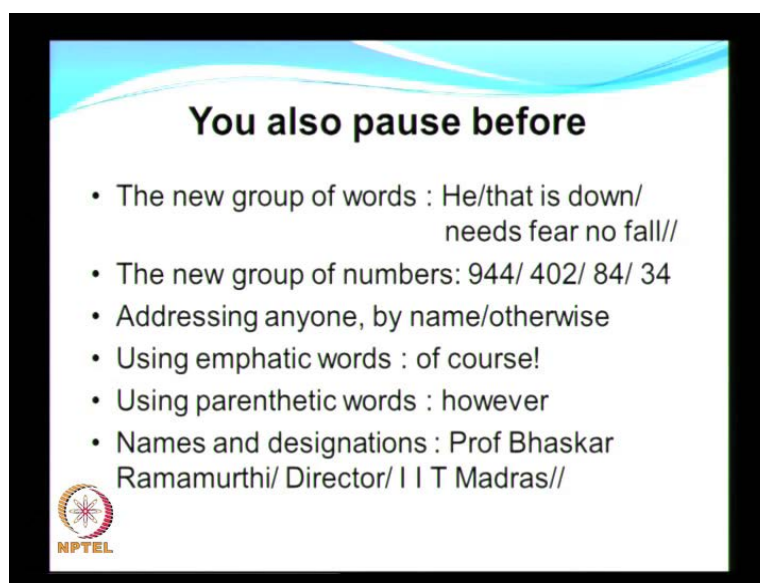
I will like to the entire sentence together everybody I will say one two three and you began do this one, two, three.

Old people love to walk in the morning on street that are uncrowded for air that is unpolluted.

With some practice, some care some attention you can get these things naturally, you know, it is the easiest think to learn and please believe me these makes tremendous difference tremendous difference to your confidence in yourself, to your listeners the understand you better when you speak with pauses. Rather than deliver the entire sentence together. Old people love to walk in the morning on street that are uncrowded, for air that is unpolluted what is that?


This are old people love to walk in the morning, you know you are giving time of course, you can say when I am hurry when I am in a hurry, when it is an informal situation you know, with your friends there are no rules except the rule of love and affection, but when you are, you know, this entire exercise this entire course is motivated by one point, how to speak when you make presentation to a group of people to come from different cultural backgrounds, from different academic backgrounds. Just as you are here. You are not from the same department are you? So, how to do that? In those situations, speaking with pauses is a great great help.

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You also pause before

- The new group of words : He/that is down/
needs fear no fall//
- The new group of numbers: 944/ 402/ 84/ 34
- Addressing anyone, by name/otherwise
- Using emphatic words : of course!
- Using parenthetical words : however
- Names and designations : Prof Bhaskar
Ramamurthi/ Director/ I I T Madras//

 NPTEL

Where do we pause? Are there from general? You know, come main rules, some easy today, member rules yes, there are every time there is a new group of words say for instance, he that is down needs fear, no fall, how would a that sentence.

He that is down needs fear no fall.

You can also say, the same thing in one breath, but it is not a English you can say, he that is down needs fear no fall. That is non standard your listeners will have difficulty in understanding you. But if you say the same thing, with proper pauses there is no problem say for instance, you can say, he that is down needs fear no fall come again somebody please that sentence alone.

He that is down needs fear no fall.

In the beginning, you will feel, your friends will feel, you are artificial you are artificial, but you are doing the thing artificially. We were all born without cloths, but do we come to the class without clothes, this is artificial nature, did not produce at which shirt belt glasses, but when we come in a group, then we do a lot of things to make ourselves a useful member of the group. So, you know if you think, it is artificial, it is alright it is artificial of course, but it is artificial for a purpose for a right cause. So, be determined and do acquire is pause. Let have some practice, can you pick up the book and can you open in the fourth chapter? We have examples from practice. In my copy of the book this

is page number fifty eight you get it? Will do it together. I will say it and you will say it after me stars twinkle.

Stars twinkle.

Planets do not.

Planets do not.

End of the sentences is mark by double stroke and pause within the sentence is marked by a single stroke, have you got the right page? Everybody please say yes or no.

Yes sir.

I will say it first and you will say it next stars twinkle.

Stars twinkle.

Planets do not.

Planets do not.

He

He

That is down.

That is down.

Needs fear

Needs fear

No fall

No fall

All

All

That glitters.

That glitters.

Is not gold

Is not gold

I love like you to go on your own without me. Do that sentence number four slowly and together. number four please.

I came and saw I conquered

Next

John major, the Prime Minister of Britain, is the son of the circus artist.

Next

All students of this class want to have a better spoken English.

Next

Can you help me sir?

Next

I am really sorry, but I cannot accept your application now come tomorrow please.

Next

Where there is a will, there is a way.

Next

No, thanks, I would like to, but have assignments to do.

Next

Long years ago, we had made a price with destiny.

This add is in correct, here can you do it without add once again, long years ago we made a price with destiny.

Next


Friends Romans and countrymen I love them to by Caesar not to brace him

Next

I have a dream, that one day suns are form a slaves and suns are form a slave older and said together.

You can stop this kind of practice alone are together in less than week you know and do not overdo it, do not do it two hours a day you will go mad is boring, it can be monotonous it can be tiring, it can be irritating, but if you do it for between five and ten minutes every day, sometime when you are free when there is choice between playing a game on your mobile phone are doing this the do this and you will find that in a less than a week, you are taking correct pauses, the rules are pretty simple you know, I said for the new group of words the new group of numbers.

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You also pause before

- The new group of words : He/that is down/
needs fear no fall//
- The new group of numbers: 944/ 402/ 84/ 34
- Addressing anyone, by name/otherwise
- Using emphatic words : of course!
- Using parenthetic words : however
- Names and designations : Prof Bhaskar
Ramamurthi/ Director/ I I T Madras//

So, my phone number for instance is 9 4 4 4 0 2 8 4 3 4 what is your phone number Kiran?

9 7 8 9 0 8 2 1 2 1

What is your phone number Aman?

9 8 8 4 3 0 9 3 9 1

What is your phone number Vimal?

9 7 3 7 8 6

More slowly, with audible noticeable pauses. What is your phone number? Sorry, what is again getting for a name pardon of such a bad.

come again what is your phone number?

9 4 4 7 1 5 5 4 9

You know, numbers will best in groups of either 3 or 2. We in India, also use double 4 double 4. I told, but you know Americans, do not use double or triple. So, you know, you can change you know some of these cultural nuances when you are in that culture, but so like numbers go extremely well in 2's or 3's somebody else please give me your number, phone number, it it not need be your necessarily the correct number tell me your phone number.

Next

9 8 4 9 7 1 6 7 2 1

Next

9 6 0 0 5 6 1 4 0 3

Next

8 9

Yes

3 9 6 0 6 6 5 6 0

Take time 6 0

You know, even there will come to numbers, some day and you know, we also should practice number the pin code of this institute, the postal code of this institute what is it?

6 0 0 0 3 6

6 go slowly

6 0 0 0 3 6 what is the postal code of your home town?

6 0 0 1 0 6

What is the postal code of your home town? Ashwini, we will all write your birthday greeting card.

5 0 0 0 1 5

Aparna.

5 0 0 0 2 8.

0 0 5 0

4 0 0 6 0 1.

Like this you know, we pause between numbers. Similarly, when you address somebody my name, can you speak Kiran, can you speak a Faisa, can you please wait, can you x wait, when you address somebody by name or by position and take a pause, let the person feel you are talking to that person. Similarly, you know when you use emphatic words can you do it of course, I can do it or when you have parenthetic you say something, but you want to change it is efficient; however, is dishonest what would you like efficient person, but dishonest or dishonest person, but efficient, you can say the same thing is dishonest; however, is efficient when you change you know, we call them parenthetic you bring it optional information. So, after of course, indeed what are the other words like that, give me two or three other words of course, indeed, next.

Surely

Surely

Next, come on make a mistake does in matter.

fortunately

Fortunately next

Absolutely

Absolutely next come on please.

Although.

Although, next although will come to parenthetic by all means certainly most certainly ,great you know all these emphatic things also require a pause. I have given you enough you know, in the at the end of the section you may see at the end of the section there is an exercise, please try and find time today to do this with pencil when you meet here on Tuesday, I will like to begin with this I will ask you to read some sentences aloud, from here you know in exercises, I am not marked stresses, you should mark it. Thank you very much. Please mark attendance before you go.