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3 prosodic features:

Loudness (soft-loud)

Pitch (low-high)

Duration (short-long)

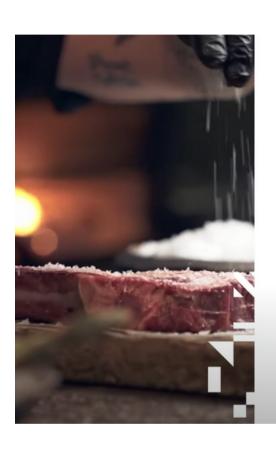
Prosody is the aspect of language that gives prominence to certain parts of words and phrases over others.



... is measured in ...

Subjective auditory feature	Objective acoustic feature
Loudness (soft-loud)	Sound intensity, or amplitude (decibels)
Pitch (low-high)	Fundamental frequency (hertz)
Duration (short-long)	Duration (milliseconds)

Stay-at-home-mom
Stay at home, mom



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We sprinkle prosody on top of our language for effect.



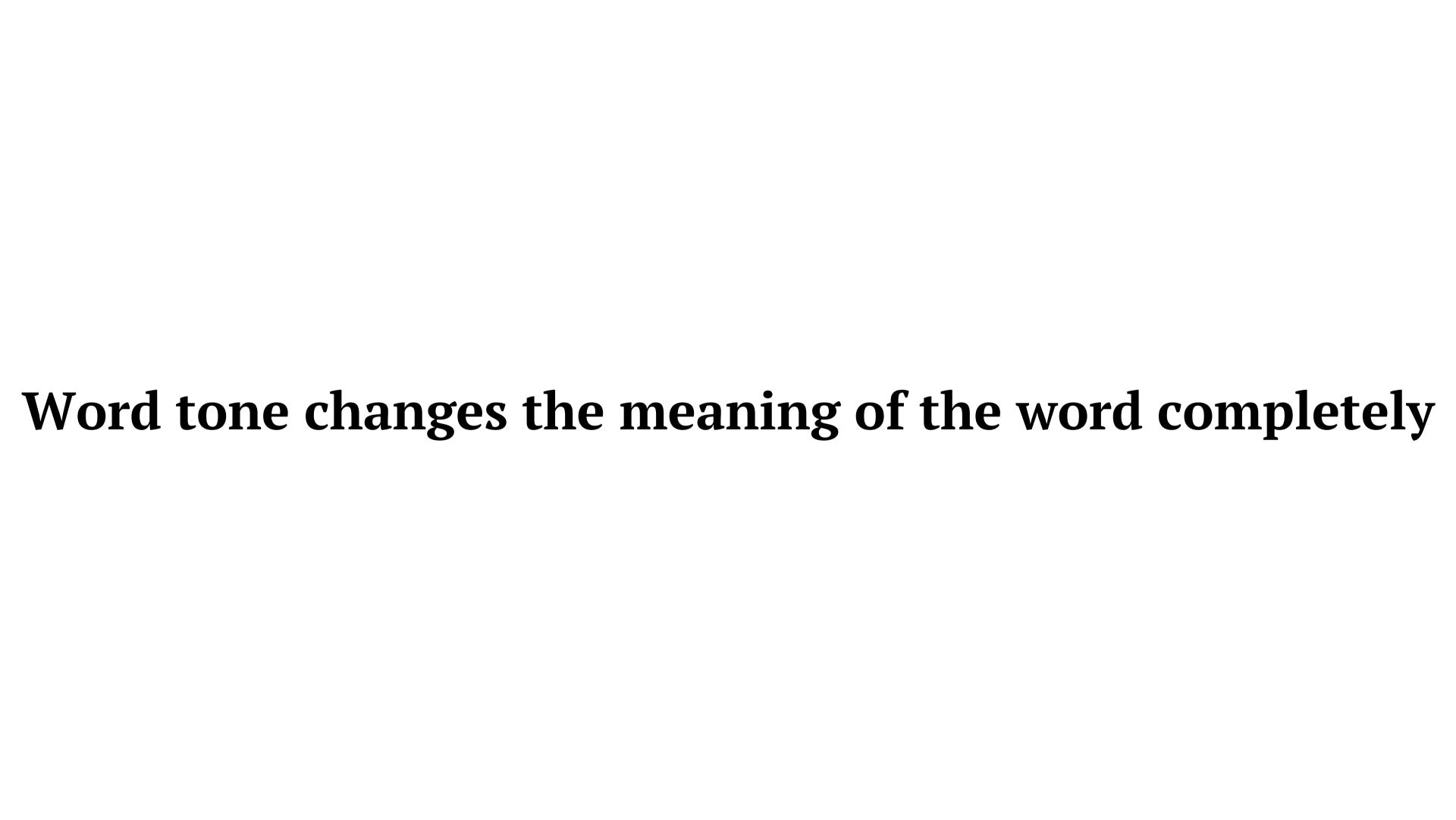


It's baked into the recipe of a language.



Tonal language

It's a language for which tonal changes within a word can change the word's meaning or even its grammatical function.



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- It can be sprinkled on top of our speech for added emphasis or effect.
- It can be baked into a language as is the case with tonal languages.
- It can simply be a byproduct of underlying syllable structure rules.

Sy-lla-bles are the smal-lest pro-so-dic u-nit.

What is prosody?



ProsodicFeatures

- ▶Stress
- ▶ Pitch
- **▶**Intonation
- ▶Pauses
- ▶Pace (Speed)
- **▶**Loudness
- ▶Paralinguistic Features
- ► Vocal Effect

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Stress

- ► The <u>force or emphasis</u> used on a sound, syllable, or word when we speak.
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 - ▶ Nouns
 - Action Verbs
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The **flowers** on the **table look** like a **painting**.

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- ► The same word can have the stress in different places, which changes the meaning of the word.
 - ▶ I gave Miki a <u>present</u>.
 - ▶ I will <u>pre**sent**</u> at the conference.
 - ▶ I love shiny <u>objects</u>.
 - ▶ I <u>object</u> to your bad attitude.

