

Taking the listener into account

- Young listeners and foreigners vs. experienced listeners
- New words in discourse
- Colleagues vs. elders

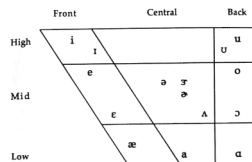
Infant-directed speech (IDS)



- Simplified, restricted vocabulary
- More repetition
- Slower speech
- Shorter sentences
- Pauses at sentence boundaries only
- Important words in salient positions
- Function words hyperarticulated

Infant-directed speech, cont.

- Vowels hyperarticulated (a larger vowel space)



Prosodic speech changes in IDS

- Increase in fundamental frequency (higher pitch)
- Greater pitch variability
- Greater amplitude variability
- Small set of melodic contours
- Exaggerated positive affect

IDS

- Benefits
 - Listening longer
 - Learning facilitation
 - Affective benefits
 - Separating speech from background noise
- Universality
