

# Individual work

## Phonostylistic analysis.

Phonetic analysis of two videoepisodes from  
different styles

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# Resources

## **Margaret Thatcher dies, aged 87 (10th April, 2013)**

- \* [http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1304/130410-margaret\\_thatcher.mp3](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1304/130410-margaret_thatcher.mp3)

## **President Obama on Death of Osama bin Laden**

- \* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNYmK19-doU&list=PL63F9FoCFBBB800D8>

# Margaret Thatcher dies, aged 87 (10th April, 2013)

- \* Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher| has ↑died| aged ↓87.|| She had a stro↓ke |at The Ritz Hotel in Lon↓don|| after being in poor health for ↑many ye↓ars.|| Mrs Thatcher became fa↓mous| after becoming the U.K.'s first ever female leader.|| She was in power from↑ 1979 to ↑1990↓| – the longest time in office| for a Prime Minister| in over ↑150 yea↓rs.|| Her tough style earned her the nickname| ↑the "Iron Lady".|| Her ↑11 years of leadership greatly changed British socie↓ty.|| Many praised her for transforming Britain| into a more| free-market economy.|| Others hated her for selling ↑government-owned industries| and breaking up communities.|| She also took the decision to go to war with Argentina in ↑1982| to recover the Falkland Is↓lands.||

\* Britain's best-selling newspapers also disagree about Margaret Thatcher. The right wing "Daily Mail" said she was: "The Woman Who Saved Britain." However, the left wing "Daily Mirror" ran the headline: "The Woman Who Divided A Nation." Tony Blair (Prime Minister from 1997-2007) paid tribute to Mrs Thatcher, saying: "Very few leaders get to change not only the political landscape of their country but of the world. Margaret was such a leader. Her global impact was vast." Current British leader David Cameron said: "Margaret Thatcher loved this country and served it with all she had. For that, she has her well-earned place in history." He added the British people would respect and thank her forever.

# Analysis of speech:

- \* 1. Informational style;
- \* 2. The purpose of communication: speaking, prepared speech;
- \* 3. The main functions of intonation: distinctive (discourse) and delimitative (accentual);
- \* 4. News reporter – Ted Mackoley, timbre – self-assured;
- \* 5. Formal. Public setting;
- \* 6. Style-making prosodic features:
  - \* Loudness – normal;
  - \* Rate – normal;
  - \* Pauses – from medium to long; semantically predictable;
  - \* Rhythm – properly organized;
  - \* Pitch levels – generally low, sometimes high;
  - \* Terminal tones – falling;

# President Obama on Death of Osama bin Laden

- \* Good evening, ↓|| to ↑night| I can re ↓port to the American people ↓| and the world ↓|| that the United States has conducted an operation| that ↑killed| Osama Bin La ↓den,| the leader of al Qa ↓ida|| and a terrorist| who is responsible for the murder of ↑thousands| of innocent men,| women,| and children. ↓|| It was ↑nearly 10 years ↓ago|| that a bright September day was darkened by the worst attack| on the American people in our his ↓tory.|| The images of 9/11| are seared ↓ into our national memory. ↓|| High jacked planes cutting through| a cloud ↓less| September sky||, the ↑Twin Towers collapsing to the gro ↓und||, black smoke| billowing up from the Pen ↓tagon,|| the wre ↓ckage of Flight 93| from Shanksville,| Pennsylvania| where the actions of heroic citizens saved| ↑even more heart break| and destruc ↓tion.||

\* And yet we ↑know| the worst images where those that were unse↓en to the world,|| the empty seat| at the dinner tab↓le,|| children forced to grow up| without their mother| or their fa↓ther,|| parents| who would never know the feeling of their child's embra↓ce,|| nearly ↑3,000 citizens| taken from ↓us,|| leaving a gaping hole in our hea↓rts.|| In ↑September 11th,| 2001,|| in our time of grief,| the ↑American people came together,|| we offered our neighbors a hand| and we offered the wounded| our ↓blood.|| We reaffirmed our ties to each ↓other| and our love of community| and co↓untry,|| on that day,| no matter where we came ↓from,| what god we prayed ↓to,| or what race or ethnicity we were,| we were united| ↑as one American fa↓mily.||

# Analysis of speech:

- \* 1. Publicistic Style;
- \* 2. The purpose of communication: speaking, prepared speech;
- \* 3. The main functions of intonation: distinctive (discourse) and delimitative (accentual);
- \* 4. Barak Obama; timbre – self-assured;
- \* 5. Formal, public setting;
- \* 6. Style-making prosodic features:
  - \* Loudness – enormously increased;
  - \* Rate – moderately slow;
  - \* Pauses – mostly long;
  - \* Rhythm – properly organized;
  - \* Pitch levels – generally low, sometimes high;
  - \* Terminal tones – mostly emphatic – falling-rising;



# Conclusions

- \* Two speeches were given for the analysis: News report about Margaret Thatcher's death and Barak Obama's speech on death of Osama bin Laden . The first one belongs to informational the style, and the second one - to the publicistic style. Both have American English pronunciation.