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Practice Inflection with your dog!

Practice saying these words with nice meanings to your dog in a harsh, low pitched, scolding kind of voice and see how the dog reacts:

“cute doggie, buddy, good boy/girl”

Was your dog excited or ashamed? Most dogs cringe and act ashamed.

Now try the opposite, say these words in a high pitched, excited, happy voice.

“bad dog, naughty doggie”

Did your dog wag its tail like a proud puppy?

Note: This lesson does not work well with cats. They usually just ignore you!

Practice Emotional Inflection

Say each sentence in the list below with a different emotional inflection and see how it can change the meaning of the sentence. This is a good exercise to do with a friend or relative.

Sentences:

1. I am so exhausted I could fall asleep right here.
2. This is the most beautiful view I've ever seen.
3. I am certain that I told Harry what time to meet us.
4. Well, well, well, what have we here?
5. My uncle is the best racecar driver ever.
6. Where will we go now?
7. I can hardly wait! We're going to Disneyland.
8. Go away! I never want to see you again.
9. I know, you've only told me twelve times already.
10. My favorite pet fish Ferdinand died.
11. Look out for that falling rock.
12. We'll never make it.

Emotions:

Excited
Sad
Scared

Sleepy/Tired
Impatient/Angry
Resentful/Sarcastic

Bored
Confused
Powerful



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Challenges:

Once you've perfected this, try it again using accents and types of voices for different characters. Find the best and the silliest emotion to go with each character/sentence.

Characters:

a grumpy old man
a 3-year-old girl
a French fur trapper
a pirate

an Englishman at tea time
a big game hunter
a wise old Native American
chief

a slick politician
a 9-year-old boy at the
World Series.