

**A PROSODIC ANALYSIS OF [WH-QUESTIONS] AND COMMANDS: CASE OF
TEMOUCHENT PARENTAL CONVERSATIONAL EXCHANGE**

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ABSTRACT

The study of speech sounds exists as long as man is interested in language. The foremost question that phonologists attempted attentively to answer is how sounds are collected to successfully transmit the intentional meaning. The current study is an original work that focuses on the auto-segmental level of Temouchent dialect as a variety of Algerian Arabic. The interest of the current study is to emphasize the prosodic view, which tends to be complex. The researchers predominantly examine one of the most prominent prosodic features, notably 'intonation'. They tried mainly to highlight the nature of Temouchent [Wh-question] and commands' intonation within parental conversational exchange, and identify the common types of intonation used to testify its effectiveness of intonation. The results revealed through the spectrographic analysis that there is H+L% rising-falling intonation within temouchent [Wh-question]; however a rising one H+H in commands.

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