Manual prosodic cues: PALM-UP and pointing signs

Some further information

• Leaving out final pointing signs

GIRL POINT<right> KNOW ORANGES HEALTHY POINT<right> (van Gijn 2004)

The final POINT<right> may be deleted if HEALTHY is accompanied by:
- head nod
- strong facial expression
- enhanced movement (to form a bisyllabic foot)

• Domain-initial and domain-final prosodic phenomena in spoken languages

→ Norther Bizkaian Basque (Gussenhoven 2004, Elordieta 2006): The intermediate phrase of an utterance initial NP’s needs to consist of minimally two accentual phrases (needs to branch)
→ Hosts of second position Serbo-Croatian clitics need to form a Prosodic word. The conjunctions ‘ali’ and ‘pa’ do not have enough weight. When they host a second position clitic their weight is ‘enhanced with an accent (high tone and stress) Zec & Inkelas (1990)
→ The discourse particle ‘fa’ in Hausa emphasizes the preceding material and can only occur between the verb and the object if the object is a branching constituent. However, if the object forms a Phonological Word itself because it is accented, this requirement does not hold (Zec & Inkelas 1990)

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