

「英語を本気でモノにするためのスピーチ朗唱法」
Barack Obama The Audacity of Hope 編 Part2
アクセント&イントネーション確認用シート

【このシートの使い方】

アクセントを傍点で打ってありますので、音声を聞きながら、手書きでイントネーション（抑揚）を書き込んでみましょう。また、発音しづらい箇所などに印をつけて、重点的に練習しましょう。

[Paragraph1]

Tonight, we gather to affirm the greatness of our Nation, not because of the height of our skyscrapers, or the power of our military, or the size of our economy. Our pride is based on a very simple premise, summed up in a declaration made over two hundred years ago: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

[Paragraph2]

That is the true genius of America, a faith -- a faith in simple dreams, an insistence on small miracles, that we can tuck in our children at night and know that they are fed and clothed and safe from harm; that we can say what we think, write what we think, without hearing a sudden knock on the door; that we can have an idea and start our own business without paying a bribe; that we can participate in the political process without fear of retribution; and that our votes will be counted -- at least, most of the time.

[Paragraph3]

This year, in this election, we are called to reaffirm our values and our commitments, to hold them against a hard reality and see how we're measuring up, to the legacy of our forbearers and the promise of future generations.

[Paragraph4]

And fellow Americans, Democrats, Republicans, independents, I say to you tonight: We have more work to do...more work to do, for the workers I met in Galesburg, Illinois, who are losing their union jobs at the Maytag plant that's moving to Mexico, and now are having to compete with their own children for jobs that pay seven bucks an hour; more to do for the father that I met who was losing his job and choking back the tears, wondering how he would pay 4,500 dollars a month for the drugs his son needs without the health benefits that he counted on; more to do for the young woman in East St. Louis, and thousands more like her, who has the grades, has the drive, has the will, but doesn't have the money to go to college.

[Paragraph5]

Now, don't get me wrong. The people I meet -- in small towns and big cities, in diners and office parks - they don't expect government to solve all their problems. They know they have to work hard to get ahead, and they want to. Go into the collar counties around Chicago, and people will tell you they don't want their tax money wasted, by a welfare agency or by the Pentagon. Go in -- Go into any inner city neighborhood, and folks will tell you that government alone can't teach our kids to learn; they know that parents have to teach, that children can't achieve unless we raise their

expectations and turn off the television sets and eradicate the slander that says a black youth with a book is acting white. They know those things.

[Paragraph6]

People don't expect -- people don't expect government to solve all their problems. But they sense, deep in their bones, that with just a slight change in priorities, we can make sure that every child in America has a decent shot at life, and that the doors of opportunity remain open to all. They know we can do better. And they want that choice. In this election, we offer that choice. Our party has chosen a man to lead us who embodies the best this country has to offer. And that man is John Kerry.