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Length for emphasis

36.1*. In addition to the typical (phonemic and phonetic) *durations* of the vowels and diphthongs of English, there is a clear difference (apparently in contrast with the canonical ones), which depends on *emphasis* (and *paraphonics*, too).

This happens in emphatic tunes, also with different possible paratonic differences, not included here.

As the vocograms in fig 36* show, the 'normal' length of the vocalic elements becomes augmented by the monotimbric (or even ditimbric) diphthongization of the nuclear vocoid.

Of course, also short vowels (even if followed by voiceless consonants, in emphatic tunes) undergo such an extension of length thanks to the mentioned diphthongization, rather than to a simple chronetic lengthening.

36.2*. Let us consider the following examples (given in the neutral British accent, while the vocograms also show the neutral American accent, and the mediatic American and British ones, in addition to the native-like international accent):

There were only six! ["sɪks, "sɪks],
The floor was all wet! ["wɛɛt, "wɛɛt],
Madam, don't forget your map! ["mææp, "mææp],
It fell right on my foot! ["fɔɔt, "fɔɔt],
There's a stop! ["sɪɔɔp, "sɪɔɔp].

36.3*. In addition: *A bit!* [ə"bɪt, ə"bɪt], *Yes!* ["jɛɛs, "jɛɛs], *And that!* [əɪ"ðææt, əɪ"ðææt], *It's hot!* [ɪts"ɦɔɔt, ɪts"ɦɔɔt], *Enough!* [ɪ"nɛɛf, ɪ"nɛɛf], *Look!* ["lɔɔk, "lɔɔk].

Also with the phonemic long vowels, as [Vː]: *My shirt!* ["ʃɜːt, "ʃɜːt], *Too short!* ["ʃɔːt, "ʃɔːt], *Most part!* ["phɑːt, "phɑːt].

36.4*. And with the phonemic diphthongs (shown in fig 10.1-2): *Sweet!* ["swɪɪt, "swɪɪt], *Wait!* ["weɪɪt, "weɪɪt], *Right!* ["ɹaɪɪt, "ɹaɪɪt], *Point!* ["phɔɪɪt, "phɔɪɪt], *Shoot!* ["ʃuɪɪt, "ʃuɪɪt], *Both!* ["bɔɪɪt, "bɔɪɪt], *Shout!* ["ʃaɪɪt, "ʃaɪɪt].

Also with no final voiceless consonants (even if not explicitly shown): *No!* ["nɜːɔ], *Now!* ["naːɔ], *Today!* [tɔɪɪt], *Destroy!* [dɪstɔɪɪt], *It's bad!* [ɪts"bææd], *Indeed!* [ɪn"dɪɪd]; and: *There!* ["ðɛɛɜ], *It's wrong!* [ɪts"ɹɔɪɪt], *Ten!* ["tɛɛn], *Destroy it!* [dɪstɔɪɪt] (cf 6 2).

