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| **Tone Quality Feature** | **Description** | **Perception** | **Position on Affect Map***1 Valance**2 Arousal Energy**3 Arousal Tension* |
| Clear/tapered | A clear termination is one that has a strong ending; a tapering termination is one in which the sound slowly fades, allowing for other elements (such as noise) to become present. | Tapered terminations allow for noise to become present in the sound, and therefore may be associated with negative emotions (Spreadborough 2018, 162 – 163). Clear terminations, on the other hand, may be associated with happier emotional states since there is less opportunity for extraneous sounds to become present. Take, for example, the ragged speech of a distraught individual (tapered termination) compared to the fast, clipped chatter of a happy child (clear termination). | Extremely clear termination is:1 More pleasant2 More awake3 Either relaxed or tense |