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In this presentation I will discuss the role intonation plays in the mediation of syntax and information structure in Colloquial Jakarta Indonesian (CJI). Examination of naturally occurring conversational data in CJI shows that the language allows a dazzling variety of syntactic structures in attested utterances. I am currently undertaking a project in which I seek to explain the impressive range of syntactic structures by recourse to language specific rules that organise information structure in the language. While intonation has not been a major focus of this study, in this presentation I will seek to elucidate how intonation may function to mediate syntax and information structure in the language.