



Characteristics of Normal voice

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Normal aspects of voice

- Normal voice may be characterized by 5 aspects.
- First, the normal voice must be **loud** enough to be heard. Adequate loudness is a key component of speech intelligibility.
- Second, the normal voice must be produced in a manner that does not produce vocal trauma and thus laryngeal lesions. In other words, hygienic voice production. The production of voice should not hurt or cause damage to the speaker's vocal mechanism.

- Third, the normal voice should be pleasant to listen or should be pleasing in vocal quality.
- Fourth, the normal voice should be flexible enough to express emotion. The expression “oh wonderful” can be said with excitement or with scorn.
- Fifth, the normal voice should represent the speaker well in terms of age and gender. Our voice should not portray us as either older, younger, or as less mature than we are. Nor will we likely be pleased if we are mistaken for the opposite gender.

- Using these 5 aspects of loudness, hygiene, pleasantness,, flexibility, and representation, we can address a normal voice.
- A normal voice for a seven year old boy will be quite different from that of a 70 year old female but both can be normal and can be adequately loud, hygienic, pleasant enough to not be distracting, have the flexibility to express the speaker's emotion and allow the listener to judge the speaker's age and gender.