

Vocal skill	Definition	Example
Tone	This suggests your mood and your intention towards the listener	Happy, sad, nervous, excited, scared, proud, angry
Pitch	Speaking in a high, low or natural voice	High, low, squeaky, whiny, deep, husky
Pace	The speed in which you speak	Fast, slow, halting, stuttering, stilted, hesitant, whiny
Volume	How loud or quiet you speak	Soft, quiet, loud, whisper, shout
Projection	To project your voice so every member of the audience can hear you	
Diction/ Clarity	How clearly you speak and pronounce words.	Character X used very good diction when saying "I cannot hear you!"
Accent	Identifies location and status of a character	Liverpudlian, Northern, West country, Cockney, Upper Class, Scottish, Irish, Australian, American.
Elongate	To make a word longer to create dramatic effect	Nooooooooooooooooo
Emphasis	This is the pressure on individual words that makes them stand out	"I am so annoyed with <u>YOU</u> "
Pause	To stop for a moment to create dramatic effect	

Physical Skill	Definition	Example
Gait	The way in which a character travels on stage	Rapid, sluggish, gentle, smooth, stomps, direct, rushed, purposeful, hasty
Facial Expressions	The emotion displayed through facial features	Wide eyes, raised eyebrows, opened mouth to show a shocked emotion
Gestures	A movement of part of the body, especially a hand or the head, to express an idea or meaning	Clenched fist, pointing, open handed, closed hands, folded arms
Posture	The way in which you hold your upper body	Upright, slouched, relaxed
Mannerism	A habitual gesture or way of speaking or behaving	Twitchy, decisive, indecisive, formal, jerky, secretive, controlled, aggressive, informal
Body Language	The conscious and unconscious movements and postures by which attitudes and feelings are communicated.	Annoyed – arms crossed over the chest



## Vocal and Physical Skills

