

What is SPEECH?

Speech is the verbal act of communicating.

Speech consists of three things:

Articulation: the ability to coordinate your vocal folds, tongue, lips, etc. to produce speech sounds

Voice: the act of passing air from the lungs, through your vocal folds, to produce sound.

Fluency: the rhythm of speech

A **speech disorder** describes difficulties in any one of these areas.

Examples include: difficulty producing a certain sound, a chronic hoarse voice, or a stutter.

What is LANGUAGE?

Language is a symbolic system made up of socially shared rules. English is made up of spoken and written words as well as gestures such as waving 'hello.'

* A **language disorder** can describe difficulties with:

Understanding what words mean

Putting words together (e.g. 'I like dogs' vs 'I dogs like')

Making new words (friend, unfriend)

Adapting language to different social situations

('What'sup?' with friends vs 'Hello, how are you?' with teacher)



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