

# Public Speaking



While practicing your speech, pay special attention to the factors below.



- *breathing*

Many people take a breath in an "un-natural" place. Be sure your breathing is not shallow...also, so not try to finish a sentence if you are running out of breath!

- *volume*

You want to be loud enough to easily be heard, but not so loud as to be annoying.

- *articulation*

If we can't understand what you are saying, then all of your creative endeavors and hard work have been a waste of time. Pay careful attention to consonants and endings of words.

- *pitch of voice*

A high, squeaky voice can be a real turn-off, and a very deep voice is sometimes difficult to understand. Be sure your voice pitch is in a pleasing range.

- *rate of speech*

Many people tend to speak faster when they get nervous. Be sure you practice a smooth and even rate of speech.

