

What makes good talk?



Linguistic

Physical

Voice

- Pace of speaking
- Tonal variation
- Clarity of pronunciation
- Voice projection

Body language

- Gesture & posture
- Facial expression & eye contact

Vocabulary

Appropriate vocabulary choice

Language

- Register
- Grammar

Rhetorical techniques

Rhetorical techniques such as metaphor, humour, irony & mimicry

Cognitive

Content

Structure

Clarifying & summarising

Self-regulation

Reasoning

Social & Emotional

Working with others

- Guiding or managing interactions
- Turn-taking

Listening & responding

Listening actively & responding appropriately

Confidence in speaking

- Self assurance
- Liveliness & flair

Audience awareness

Taking account of level of understanding of the audience