# Speaking

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| Word | Example |
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| **fluency and coherence** /ˈfluːənsi ænd kəʊˈhɪərəns/ | **Fluency and coherence** mean speaking smoothly with ideas in a clear order. |
| **pronunciation** /prəˌnʌnsɪˈeɪʃn/ | Clear **pronunciation** helps people understand you. |
| **hedging** /ˈhedʒɪŋ/ | **Hedging** words like “may” and “often” make claims softer.<br>“may” “often” |
| **syllable** /ˈsɪləbl/ | “Apple” has two **syllables**: ap-ple.<br>“Apple” ap-ple |
| **word stress** /wɜːd stres/ | **Word stress** in “photograph” falls on the first syllable.<br>“photograph” |
| **intonation** /ˌɪntəˈneɪʃn/ | Your **intonation** goes up at the end of a yes-no question. |
| **sentence stress** /ˈsentəns stres/ | **Sentence stress** puts weight on the most important words. |



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