

# Oracy: The Four Strands



Use the oracy framework to understand the physical, linguistic, cognitive, and social and emotional skills that enable successful discussion, inspiring speech and effective communication.

## Physical

- ### Voice
- Fluency & pace of speaking
  - Tonal variation
  - Clarity of pronunciation
  - Voice projection

- ### Body language
- Gesture & posture
  - Facial expression & eye contact

## Linguistic

- ### Vocabulary
- Appropriate vocabulary choice

- ### Language
- Register
  - Grammar

- ### Rhetorical techniques
- Rhetorical techniques such as metaphor, humour, irony & mimicry

## Cognitive

- ### Content
- Choice of content to convey meaning & intention
  - Building on the views of others

- ### Structure
- Structure & organisation of talk

- ### Clarifying & summarising
- Seeking information & clarification through questions/ing
  - Summarising

- ### Reasoning
- Giving reasons to support views
  - Critically examining ideas & views expressed

## 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