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Voice & Rhythm

- Enunciation is key. If you don't know how to pronounce something, Google it!
- Be aware of your rate of speech. Your base pace doesn't change (i.e., NYC = fast, southeast = slow), so make adjustments where appropriate for emphasis and variety.
- Volume – use both soft and loud, as appropriate.
- Pitch – use vocal variety (don't be monotone!).
- Use your rate, volume, and pitch of speech to highlight key points or thoughts.
- Where to pause:
 - Between sentences
 - Between ideas
 - Long list of items
 - As a transition
 - To let ideas or messages sink in
 - To give your audience a moment to think or gather their thoughts
- Practice out loud!

Check It Out!

Acknowledge Obstacles—
Don't Give Them Power |
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