

THIS
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A
VOICE

A hand holding a red dental model of an open mouth with white teeth and a purple tongue. The model is positioned in front of the text 'THIS IS A VOICE'.

Word Bank

This word bank could be used in multiple ways:

1. Use the word bank as a way of introducing the topic. Choose words that are relevant for your class.
2. You may notice some words have been left intentionally blank. Have learners come up with their own definitions for these words. Record their definitions and share them to learn@maas.museum
3. Turn the word bank into a flipped classroom. Get students to research one of the words as homework and report back to the class.

accent	A distinctive way of pronouncing a language, especially when associated with a particular country, area, or social class
acoustic	1. To do with the sense or organs of hearing, to sound, or to the science of sound 2. In music, an instrument whose sound is not electrically enhanced or modified
articulate	Being able to express an idea in a clear and precise way
audio	To do with the transmission, reception, or reproduction of sound
chanting	
choir	
circular breathing	A technique used to make sustained sounds, especially when playing a wind instrument. Air is stored in the cheeks then pushed out through the mouth at the same time as breathing in through the nose.
diaphragm	A dome-shaped muscle between your lungs and belly that plays an important part in breathing
disembodied	Separated from or existing without a body
elocution	The skill of clear and expressive speech, especially of distinct pronunciation and articulation
epiglottis	A flap of cartilage behind the root of the tongue that stops food and drink from entering the larynx
harmony	
hear	
instrument	

intonation	The way your voice rises and falls in pitch or melody as you speak
language	
laryngology	the branch of medicine dealing with the larynx
laryngoscope	A medical instrument used to examine the larynx. Laryngoscopes sometimes include a source of light and magnification.
larynx	The top part of the passage that leads from your throat to your lungs and contains your vocal cords.
laughter	
linguistics	The scientific study of language and its structure, including the study of grammar, syntax, and phonetics
lip-reading	
lungs	
mandible	The lower jawbone - the strongest bone in the human face.
melody	
Mongolian throat singing	A traditional type of singing that originated in Mongolia, in which the singer uses special vocal techniques to produce more than one tone at a time.
musicology	The scholarly or scientific study of music, including its history, theory, and the physical nature of sound
palate	The roof of the mouth, made up of hard and soft tissue separating the inside of your mouth from the inside of your nose.
pattern	
pitch	
prosody	The patterns of stress and intonation in a language
phonograph	A device invented in 1877 that could mechanically record and reproduce sound (see MAAS Collection)
respiratory system	
rhythm	

scream	
singing	
song	
sonic	To do with sound
sound	
soundscape	
sound wave	Sound waves are vibrations that pass through an object or material, such as air, creating a noise you can hear
synchronise	To make two things happen in time with each other - at the same rate and exactly together
Tadoma	A special form of communication sometimes used by deafblind people, in which the thumb is placed on the speaker's lips and fingers along the jawline to feel movements and vibrations.
tempo	The rate or speed of motion or activity. In music, the speed at which a piece should be played.
thyroid	A gland at the front of your neck that makes and stores hormones that help regulate things like your heart rate, blood pressure, body temperature and the rate at which food is converted into energy.
tone	
ventriloquist	A person, especially an entertainer, who can make their voice appear to come from somewhere else, usually a dummy of a person or animal.
vibration	A very small repeated movement back and forth
vocal cords	Two folds of tissue in the larynx that vibrate when air from the lungs moves over them, producing sound.
vocalist	A singer
vocal range	The span from the lowest to the highest note a particular voice can produce
voice box	The larynx
voice	
whisper	