



Paralanguage means 'like a language'. Nonverbal aspects of the spoken words are known as Paralanguage.

## Feature of Paralanguage:

### 1 Voice

When we talk of voice we have to keep three things in mind

- Tone -Quality of voice is called tone. Volume is softness or loudness of voice changed according to the audience and the distance between speaker and listener; loud tone indicates aggression which is a negative impact.
- Speed is another feature of a voice. Rapid speech indicates excitement or nervousness. Other qualities like clear pronunciation, good accent, rhythm are also important.
- Pitch — High or low note of the scale. A high note is usually louder and heard at a long distance. A high-pitched voice is often jarring.
- Stress on words — Stress on a particular word or syllable can convert the original meaning of the sentence.

### 2 Pause or Silence

An effective way of communication. A pause before or after certain words can make the words stand out from the rest. Silence can be used, deliberately to convey certain feelings like anger or displeasure.