

# Oracy- Find Your Voice

A guide to talking and developing communication skills in the classroom

## Discussion guidelines

- Respect each other's ideas and views
- Speak clearly to all the listeners
- Build on each others ideas
- Show you are listening
- Give reasons to support your views



## Oracy Checklist

- Talk clearly
- Use a range of vocabulary
- Use sentence stems
- Think about your body language
- Challenge the speaker
- Show you are listening



## Be Reflective

- What worked well?
- What did not work well?
- What important skills were needed?
- What are the learning points to take forward?



## Actively listening

- Try to look the speaker in the eye but don't stare
- Don't interrupt the person who is talking
- Focus on what they are saying
- Think of questions
- Be open-minded to their ideas
- Use your body to show you are listening
- Give positive and honest feedback



## Use your body

- Use gesture to add emphasis
- Try to make eye contact with your audience
- Project your voice so your message is heard clearly
- Think about your pace—not too fast, not too slow
- Use pauses
- Vary the pitch and tone of your voice

