

Voice

A voice disorder is characterized by the abnormal production and or absences of vocal quality, pitch, loudness, resonance, and/or duration, which is inappropriate for an individual's age and/or gender per the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Children may experience problems with their voice due to misuse or abnormalities in the vocal mechanisms. There are two types of voice disorders: those of phonation, and those of resonance. Both types can be the result of either abuse or physical structure. Voice disorders are among the most successfully treated speech and language problems because they can be solved with surgery or reconditioning of the voice (Boone 286).

A phonation disorder is a problem with pitch, loudness, or intensity that originates in the vocal folds of the larynx.

A resonance disorder occurs when any part of the vocal tract is altered or dysfunctional.

Helpful Websites

www.speechdelay.com

www.asha.com

www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/voice.htm

www.voicefoundation.org/

www.voiceproblem.org/