

Amplification

As a teacher, public speaker, presenter, performer, or other voice user in front of an audience, loud voice use and prolonged projection can take a toll on your voice. Using amplification is a great way to reduce vocal fatigue, strain, or injury. Help protect your voice!

• Why use amplification?

- Using an amplifier gives you the extra volume <u>without the strain</u>; teachers comment all the time that they feel a huge difference!
- Research shows that young children actually learn better from amplified voices--it's likely that adults have a similar benefit!
- Audiences are full of diversity; elderly individuals and others with hearing loss will hear you better
- Some teachers report that their students appreciate the technology and are more attentive when they use amplification
- Your voice is your instrument; maybe it's your career...we depend on our voices so we should do all that we can to protect and preserve it

• Tips for using amplification:

- Be sure to ask the venue (in advance!) if there is a current PA system available, otherwise make arrangements prior to the event to have amplification in place.
- For teachers or daily presenters, you can purchase a personal amplification device (PAD). These are portable and can be customized to your needs as well as taste. There are many quality, hands-free microphone options with affordable pricing; wireless and other

features available!

- Amplification is NOT just for large groups--having a PAD will benefit you and your audience during meetings or classes of as little as 5-10 people
- Consider the size of the room and not just the number of listeners!



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