

# Communication Process and Oral Language

## Key Terms

1. Communication – Process of creating and exchanging meaning through symbolic interaction.
2. Communication Process – Uses the mental and physical energy of people who speak, listen, use nonverbal behaviors, and interpret the verbal and nonverbal behaviors.
3. Oral Language – Language that is spoken and heard.
4. Standard Language – Language used by the majority of knowledgeable communicators within in a specific language.
5. Formal Language – Language associated with a particular profession, activity, or field of study.
6. Informal Language – Language most often used in casual situations and close interpersonal relationships.
7. Articulation – The act of clearly and distinctly uttering the consonant sounds of a word.
8. Colloquialisms – A term associated with a specific regional culture.
9. Grammar – The basic understandings and rules that regulate the use of language.
10. Diction – The degree of clarity and distinctness in a person's speech.
11. Pronunciation – The standard set for the overall sound of a word.
12. Structure – The way the different parts of a language are arranged.
13. Vocabulary – All the word symbols that make up a particular code or language.
14. Noise – Interferes with or disrupts communication.
15. Sound – The observable characteristics of oral language.
16. Slang – A second type of informal language.
17. Barrier – Blocks communication.
18. Dialect – A unique combination of speech sounds that identify speech with a particular group of people.
19. Jargon – Another name for technical language.
20. Enunciation – The act of clearly and distinctly uttering the vowel sounds of a word.