

Noise Levels that are Good for All Readers

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Connection

Boys and girls, when we talked about our best reading memories, many of us shared times when we were reading in a cozy place, all quiet and calm. That's how our classroom needs to be during reading time so that we can all do our best work. Today, I'm going to teach you how to make your voice a library voice because that will help to keep our classroom quiet for all readers.

Teach

Let me show you what I mean. There is a way to tell if you are talking in your library voice. When I am talking and I place my hand over the front of my throat (*touch your hand to the front of your throat*) I can feel the vibrations of my voice on my hand. (*Whisper this part...*) However when I am whispering, I can't feel anything on my hand. (*You can quit whispering now*) I like to call this a "voice check". When we are whispering, we are using a library voice that is good for all readers.

Active Engagement

Right now, I want everyone to do a "voice check". Lightly place your hand over your throat. Turn to your neighbor and talk to them in your normal voice about your favorite book. (*Students will turn and talk. Give them about 10 seconds and then get their attention.*) Raise your hand if you felt a vibration on your hand while you were talking. (*Students will raise their hands*) Now I want you to keep your hand over your throat and whisper to your neighbor about your favorite character in that book. (*Students will turn and talk. Give them about 10 seconds and then get their attention.*)

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Today during reading time, and every day, make sure you are using your library voice by doing a "voice check" if you need to tell your neighbor something. It's important that we always use our library voice so we are respectful to our classmates who are reading.