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1. Importance

- The voice carries emotion, meaning, and character - clear, controlled vocal technique is essential for being heard and understood by an audience.

2. Breath Support

- Proper diaphragmatic breathing provides the power and control needed for sustained, dynamic vocal delivery.

3. Articulation

- Clear pronunciation of consonants and vowels ensures dialogue is understood, especially in large theatre spaces without microphones.

4. Projection

- Using breath and resonance (not shouting) to be heard clearly at a distance without straining the voice.

5. Vocal Variety

- Varying pitch, pace, volume, and tone keeps delivery engaging and conveys different emotional states.

6. Accent and Dialect Work

- Actors often need to learn specific accents or dialects to authentically portray characters from different regions or backgrounds.

7. Vocal Health

- Warm-ups, hydration, and avoiding vocal strain protect the voice, which is an actor's primary instrument.