

Dysarthria

Dysarthria (from Ancient Greek δυσ- dys, “hard, difficult, bad” and ἄρθρωσις arthrosis, “articulation”) is a motor [speech disorder](#) resulting from neurological [injury](#) of the [motor](#) component of the motor-speech system and is characterized by poor articulation of phonemes (cf. [aphasia](#): a disorder of the content of language).

In other words, it is a condition in which problems effectively occur with the muscles that help produce speech, often making it very difficult to pronounce words. It is unrelated to any problem with understanding [cognitive language](#).

Any of the speech subsystems (respiration, phonation, resonance, prosody, and articulation) can be affected, leading to impairments in intelligibility, audibility, naturalness, and efficiency of vocal communication.

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