**Is there a difference between**

**raising your voice, yelling and shouting and screaming?**

**Do you know the difference?**

Yes. There is a difference. They are 4 levels of volume and emotion.

**Raising your voice** is speaking loud and clear (with emphasis), to point something out. It means taking a positive stand and having a particular tone that indicates you mean business.

**Yelling** is just raising the volume of your voice so that it can be heard farther away or by many people, as in a crowd. It can be used to co-ordinate a large group of people e.g. ‘Quiet please!’. There is no emotional aspect to this word. It is not emotionally or personally directed.

**Shouting** is a volume level that is not appropriate for the situation and is personally directed. Bob, for example, was standing on his porch, yelling at his children to come in for dinner. They all came home on time except for Bob Jr. When Bob Jr. finally arrived, senior could be heard shouting at him for being late when he stepped onto the porch.

**Screaming** is a raise in volume, with extreme emotional content and directed at a specific person. Think Fay Ray screaming at King Kong to let her go (or for help) and other scream queens. A scream is an emotional outburst with a high-volume level and possibly no informational content (such as Munch's The Scream)