Handout 2: LANGUAGE AND MEDIUM

Written English consists of:

Groups of small marks arranged on a surface.
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Spoken English consists of:

A succession of constantly varying noises.

Blab, bleb, blib, blob, blub, blab...
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- Language is form.
- Medium is substance.
- Mediums mediate between producer and receiver of language.
THE AURAL MEDIUM

• Movement of speech organs: lips, tongue, larynx, lungs, etc.

• It is addressed to the ear.
THE VISUAL MEDIUM

• Movement of hands, fingers, arms, etc.

• It is addressed to the eye.