

The speaker's attitude to her own words

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In the second part of *Philosophical Investigations*, Ludwig Wittgenstein writes: “My attitude to my own words is wholly different from that of others... If I listened to the words issuing from my mouth, then I could say that someone else was speaking out of it” (§§103-104). Unlike my interlocutors, I do not listen to the words issuing from my mouth. It seems that I can nevertheless hear those words, but the way in which I hear them is bound to be different from the way in which others hear them. Why does this make the attitude to my own words *wholly different* from that of others? In this talk, I try to address this question.