|  | **Soliloquy** | **Aside** | **Monologue** |
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| Who hears? | No one else hears | No one else hears | Other characters can hear and respond |
|  | Character speaks directly to self | Character speaks directly to audience | Character speaks directly to other characters |
| Short or long? | Longer speech | Shorter speech | Longer speech |
|  | Similar to monologue | One or two lines | Similar to soliloquy |
| Reveals? | Reveals internal conflict | Reveals short judgments about other characters | Explains or tells a story |
|  | Reveals secrets or moral dilemmas | Reveals brief reaction to events | Advances action of the play |