



Aphasia

Aphasia is an acquired communication disorder that affects **language**. It does **not** affect **intelligence**. People with aphasia may have difficulty with:



Speaking



Reading



Understanding



Writing

Aphasia can occur **after** a stroke or **brain injury**.

People with aphasia **know** what they want to say but may have **difficulty** getting the words out. To talk to someone who has aphasia, you just need to communicate differently.



Tips for Communicating

Ask 1 question at a time.



Pen and paper helps—write down key words!



Hear him/her out! Do not rush them.

Allow enough time to respond.



Slow down/ Speak clearly



Incorporate drawings, pictures, and gestures

Ask, Wait, Listen!

