

# APHASIA



Problems communicating with others because of a language disorder.



When the part of the brain that controls speech and language is injured because of a stroke.

## I WANT TO COMMUNICATE WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS APHASIA



**REMOVE DISTRACTIONS**  
Turn off TV/Radio



**USE SHORT SENTENCES**



**USE TECHNIQUES**  
Write down key words



Check to **MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND**

## BE PATIENT



Give the person the **time they need**



Assume the person with aphasia **understands more than they can tell you**



**Don't Yell**



**Admit You Don't Understand**

## I AM A PERSON WITH APHASIA



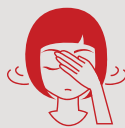
**TELL PEOPLE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU**  
Keywords  
Yes/No questions



**TAKE YOUR TIME**



**USE SUPPORTS TO COMMUNICATE**  
Photos, iPad, pen/paper, gestures



**IT'S OK TO GET FRUSTRATED**  
Be patient with yourself



**IT'S OK TO GET STUCK**  
Tell them you're stuck



**REVIEW WHAT'S BEEN SAID**



**THE PERSON WITH APHASIA'S INTELLIGENCE WAS NOT AFFECTED**



**DECIDE IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE OR COME BACK TO IT LATER.**