

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.