

What is aphasia?

a·pha·sia [uh-fey-zhuh]

Aphasia is an **acquired language disorder**. It can make **everyday communication** hard.

A **person with aphasia** may have a **hard time**:



Speaking clearly or saying what they mean



Understanding what other people say



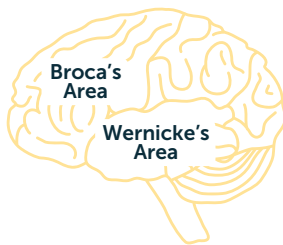
Reading or writing



Working with numbers or math

Having aphasia **does not mean** someone has lost their **intelligence**. They just have a hard time with **language**.

People get aphasia when the **language centers** of their brain are **damaged**.



This is **usually** due to a **stroke**. It can also come from a **head injury**, a **brain tumor**, or **another** illness.

Aphasia is **more common** than more people think. About **2 million** people in the U.S have aphasia.



You are not alone.

There is **hope**. Many people with aphasia keep **getting better** with the **right help**, sometimes even **years later**.

There are **treatments and resources** to help **people with aphasia**, like:



Speech & Language Therapy



Communication Devices



Community & Support Groups

How to help someone with aphasia



- Give them **time**. **Don't rush** them or **finish** their **sentences**.
- Use **short, simple** sentences.
- Use **gestures**, writing, or **drawings** on a **whiteboard**.
 - Ask **yes-or-no** questions.
 - Ask **how** they'd like you to **help**.

Learn more about aphasia and find resources at aphasia.com by Lingraphica.