

Patient information

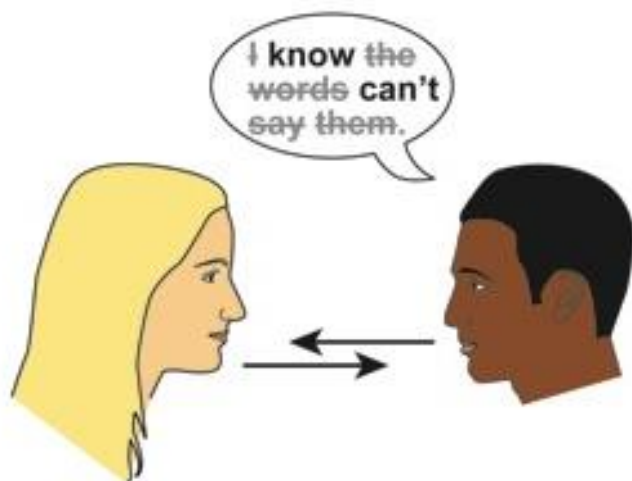
What is Aphasia?

Aphasia is sometimes called **dysphasia**.

Aphasia affects **communication**.

It is usually **caused** by **damage** to the left side of the **brain**, often a **stroke**.

Aphasia can make it **difficult** to **speak**, **understand** what people are saying, **read** or **write**.



It **does not** damage **intelligence**.



If you would like to **speak** to a member of the **Speech and Language Therapy** team, please **call** us on (01284) 713303

Tips for communicating with aphasia

- Speak with **no** background **noise** or **distractions**.



- Be **patient**. Give yourself **time**.



- Use **other ways** of **communicating**. If you are having trouble saying a word:

- Can you **describe** it?
 - “You sit on it. It has four legs”



- What’s the **first sound**?
 - “ch” for “chair”.

- Can you **write** it down?



- What do you **do** with it?
 - Use **gesture**



- Can you **draw** it?



- Can you **point** to it?

