

# APHASIA:

COMMUNICATING  
THROUGH BARRIERS



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## What is aphasia?

Aphasia is a language or communication disorder that is a result of damage to parts of the brain responsible for language.



## Communicating with someone experiencing aphasia:

**Keep it simple:** *Speak in short simple sentences.*

**Be patient:** *Allow plenty of time for a response. Talk with them, not for them.*

**Remove distractions:** *Turn off music, TV, etc.*

**Verify:** *Repeat back what you think is being said.*

**Keep it natural:** *Use an appropriate volume and tone of voice.*

**Be creative:** *Try writing, drawing, gestures, and pictures.*