



**American Stroke Association.**  
A division of the American Heart Association.

# APHASIA:



**National Aphasia Association**

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Only 40% of people in the U.S. have heard of **aphasia** and can correctly identify it as a language disorder that impairs the ability to communicate.

More than 2 million people in the U.S. are estimated to have aphasia, commonly as a result of stroke. Stroke survivors with aphasia face an increased incidence of post-stroke depression versus stroke survivors with no aphasia.

**Aphasia impacts language:** listening, writing, reading and speaking

**Aphasia does NOT impact intelligence**



## Tips for better communication with someone with aphasia:



Be patient. Allow extra time to communicate and keep it simple.



Use a variety of ways to communicate — writing, facial expressions, speaking, pictures, phone/communication apps.



Successful communication takes two — be direct and confirm what's said.