

Speech and Language Therapy

Aphasia (Aphasia-friendly version)

Aphasia is caused by **injury** to the **brain**.



Aphasia can affect:

1. Understanding



2. Talking



3. Reading



4. Writing



Patient Information

Aphasia does **not** affect **intelligence**.

Speech and Language Therapy can **help**.

A **Speech and Language Therapist** will:

- **Identify** language **difficulties** and **strengths**
- Discover **strategies to help**
- Develop language skills
- Give **advice** and **support**
- You will work **together**



A therapist may see you:

- In **hospital**



- Or at **home**



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Friends and family can help:

- Emphasise key words
- Use **short** sentences
- Allow plenty of **time**
- Ask questions that need a **yes or no** answer



Strategies to help communication:

- **Reduce** background noise



- Use **actions**



- **Draw**



- **Write** important words



- Use **facial expression**



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More information?

If you have any more questions, **please contact the Speech and Language Therapy Team on 024 7696 5709**. The links below may also be helpful.

<https://www.stroke.org.uk/resources>

<http://www.ukconnect.org/resources>

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