

## 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

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**



## Patient Information

A therapist may see you:

- In **hospital**
- Or at **home**

**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**

## 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>

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 024 7696 5709 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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