APHASIA

Aphasia is a communication impairment. It affects the ability to speak, understand, read and write spoken language. It is not a disorder of intelligence. Aphasia is caused by brain damage, usually from stroke or head trauma.

Here is what the MAGIC Aphasia Support Group wants you to know:

“Keep it simple.”

“Aphasia doesn't affect my hearing.”

“Please slow down when you talk to me.”

“Ask YES or NO questions.”

“If my speech is slurred, it doesn’t mean I’m drunk.”

“It can happen to anybody.”

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