

Where to get help

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How can AAA help ?

As a member you:

Receive **4 newsletters** a year and contribute **your own** articles

Receive information about the **AAA National Aphasia Conferences**

Are told about **social events & aphasia support groups** in your local area

Meet other people with aphasia & their **families**

Meet health **care workers** who work with people with aphasia

Contacting the AAA

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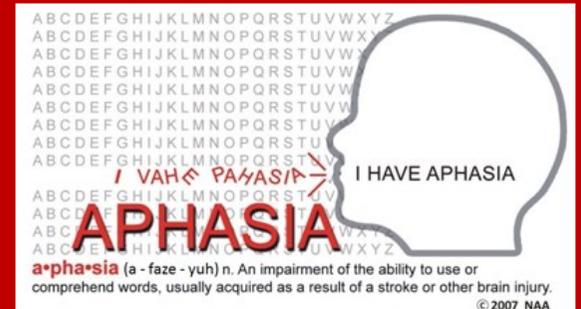
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Donations

Donations are welcome ... they will contribute to the work of the AAA.

Lost for Words?



**"Supporting People with Aphasia
& their Families"**

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What is Aphasia?

Pronounced “**a-faze-yuh**”

Also called **dysphasia**

Aphasia is a **language difficulty** caused by **injury** to the **brain** (usually **stroke**)

Aphasia can affect:

- **Talking**
- **Understanding others**
- **Reading**
- **Writing**

Aphasia can **affect relationships** & **self-identity**

People with aphasia are **competent** & **intelligent**

It is estimated that up to **80,000** Australians **have aphasia** as a result of stroke

Imagine ...

... waking one day to find you could not speak or understand what was being said to you, read the paper, or even write your name but you are thinking normally !!

*This is the experience of people with **APHASIA***

There are no existing medications or therapies that can cure aphasia.

Rehabilitation & Recovery

People with aphasia often have help from a Speech Pathologist. They can help a person relearn communication skills and find other ways to communicate.

No-one can tell how long recovery will take after a brain injury.

Recovery can depend on location and size of brain injury, age, therapy and motivation.

Rehabilitation & Recovery

Recovery is usually quickest in the first 6 months, but can continue for many years. Everyone is different.

It is important to stay optimistic and never give up, while also being realistic about recovery!

Ongoing Difficulties

Aphasia can mask a person's intelligence and ability to communicate their thoughts and feelings.

It can take a long time to deal with grief, loss of language, changing roles and possibly changing careers.

People suffering from Aphasia can become depressed and withdrawn.

People with Aphasia require your ongoing support and friendship.