



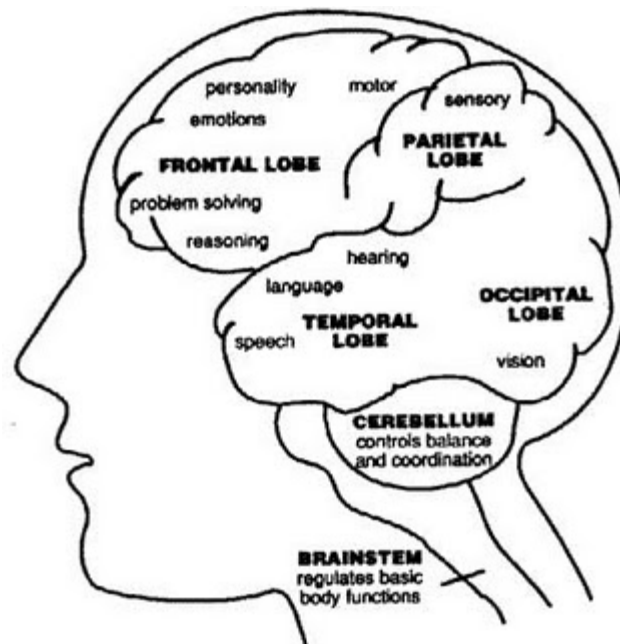
Aphasia

Hope is a Four Letter Word

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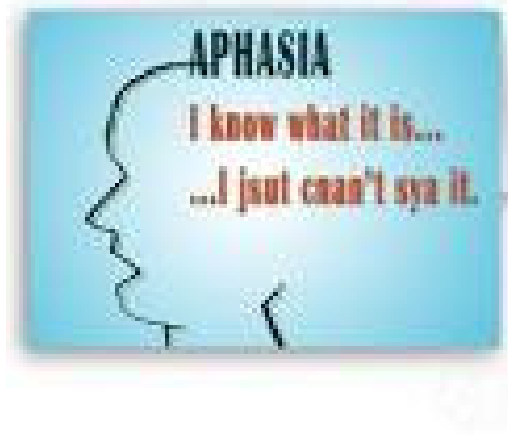
What is aphasia?

- ***Aphasia*** is an acquired communication disorder that results from damage to the parts of the brain that contain language.



What is aphasia?

- Affects the ability to process language, so it can affect:
 - Speaking
 - Listening
 - Reading
 - Writing
- Aphasia does not affect intelligence!



Movie

- Aphasia: Hope if a Four Letter Word
- Carl McIntyre's story
- Actor
- Suffered a stroke at age 44





Identity

- How did you identify yourself before the stroke?
- How do you identify yourself now?
- What defines you?

Relationships

- How did your relationships with friends and family change?
- Have you found new ways to connect with people?
- What are some things you can tell your communication partners to help them better understand and communicate with you?



Recovery Process

- It is ongoing.
- “Hope has got to last longer than a year and a half.”
- Set short and long-term goals.



3 things



1. Individual- want to see how you are doing
2. Community- having a good and strong support system
3. Goals- setting goals to motivate you

