

APHASIA HOME SUPPORT GUIDE

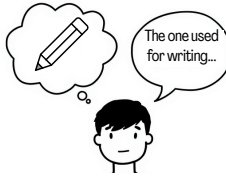
About Aphasia: Signs and Symptoms of Aphasia

1 Symptoms of Aphasia

*** Multiple symptoms can occur together ***

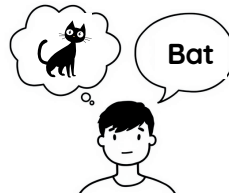
Naming Difficulty (ANOMIA)

Difficulty finding words, struggling to select and use the appropriate words.
Example: Saying "the thing used for writing" for "pen".



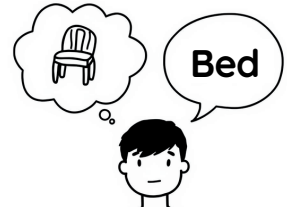
Phonemic paraphasia

Replaced with similar pronunciation
Example: Saying "cat" as "bat"



Semantic paraphasia

Replaced with associated word
Example: Saying "chair" as "bed"



Jargons

Fluently combining meaningless and/or incorrect words/sentences to form utterances or speech that lacks semantic meaning.
Example: Saying "School kick apple cup" for an intended, unrelated meaning.



Neologisms

Creating new words that the communication partner cannot understand or recognize.
Example: Saying "lasome" for "apple".



Agrammatism

Omitting grammatical markers or using incorrect word order.
Example: Saying "eat want I" for "I want to eat".



Telegraphic Speech

Omitting function words (e.g., "is", "the", "a").
Example: "Glasses broken, help pay fee seven."



EFFORTFUL SPEECH

Speech that is halting or requires noticeable effort, taking longer to organise sentences.
Example: "I... want... I want to eat... don't know."



2 Management of Aphasia

- >> Seek professional help from a **speech therapist** to improve the communication abilities of a person with aphasia
- The therapist will conduct an **assessment** and help set goals.
- >> Through therapy, they will work to strengthen language skills, compensate for impaired functions, and help the person re-engage with daily life



The information provided is for reference purposes only. For professional management or to learn more, please contact a speech and language therapist.

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