More than 86% of people surveyed in the U.S. have never heard the term “aphasia.” Aphasia is a language disorder that impairs the ability to communicate.

One million people in the U.S. are estimated to have aphasia, commonly as a result of stroke. Stroke survivors with aphasia face an increased incidence of post-stroke depression versus stroke survivors with no aphasia.

**Aphasia does impact language:** listening, writing, reading and speaking

**Aphasia does NOT impact intelligence**

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**Tips for better communication with someone with aphasia:**

1. Be patient. Allow extra time for them to communicate and keep it simple.
2. Use a variety of ways to communicate — writing, facial expressions, speaking, pictures, phone/communication apps.
3. Communication takes two — be direct and confirm what’s said.

The American Stroke Association and the National Aphasia Association — collaborating to help stroke survivors beat aphasia.

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