“People don’t know what aphasia is. I just want people to know.”

“Never give up”

“It impacts my work”

“I still have my spirit and determination”
What is Aphasia?

Difficulties with:
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing/spelling
- Focusing
- Understanding others

“I know what I want to say, the words just come out differently”

“It takes a while to get the words out”

What is not Aphasia?

- Not a lack of intelligence
- Not always a quick recovery
- Not the same for everyone
- Not a heart attack

“I’m still the same person but in some ways, I’m different after my stroke”

Did you know?

- 85% of all aphasia cases are the result of stroke.
- People are diagnosed with aphasia every year in the U.S.
- Up to 1,000,000 strokes are estimated to occur in the U.S. each year.

Communication Tips for Interacting with People with Aphasia

- Be patient!
- Don’t talk down to us
- Listen and pay attention to us
- Give us time to speak
- Be open and understanding
- Don’t assume
- Speak slowly
- Talk at a normal volume

To learn more, visit:

- National Aphasia Association for information and resources http://www.aphasia.org/
- Faces of Aphasia to read stories from people with aphasia and their caregivers http://facesofaphasia.com/
- Aphasia Institute of Toronto to learn about their community outreach programs http://www.aphasia.ca/

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