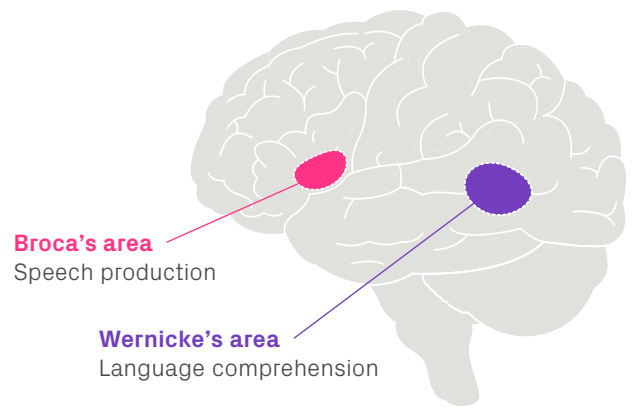


Demystifying aphasia

Aphasia is the loss of the ability to use or comprehend words, due to a brain injury, stroke or aneurysm. Impairs the ability to communicate. Strictly related to language, including speaking, listening, reading and writing—**NOT** related to intelligence.



FAST FACTS



people in the United States are currently affected by aphasia

180,000
Americans acquire the disorder each year



Affects people of all ages, nationalities, races and genders

Recovery is possible through treatment



TREATMENT OPTIONS

Treatment is available through one-on-one speech therapy with speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in hospitals, rehab centers, skilled nursing facilities, clinics, or at home.

May also involve:

- Working on a digital therapy app to target specific skill areas.
- A weekly book club or video conference to practice conversation skills.
- Participating in research studies to help scientists discover the most effective ways to treat aphasia.



Because of the brain's plasticity, there is no end to recovery.

FAMOUS PEOPLE WITH APHASIA



Randy Travis
Country music singer



Gabby Giffords
U.S. Representative (AZ)



Sharon Stone
Actor



Ralph Waldo Emerson
Author & Philosopher



Dick Clark
Radio & TV Personality



Dwight Eisenhower
34th U.S. President