

Supported conversations

Speech and Language Therapy department

How to reduce frustration and improve communication for someone with aphasia



What You'll Learn

This leaflet and accompanying video provide tips and strategies to help support people with aphasia to understand others and communicate effectively.

Supported understanding

Take your time

Repeat or re-phrase key words or phrases

Use simple meaningful gestures

Write key words to clarify and offer choices. Use
legible clear print

Use simple clear drawings alongside speech and
writing

Use appropriate objects, photographs, alphabet
boards etc. to support understanding.

a	b	c	d	e	f	g
h	i	j	k	l	m	n
o	p	q	r	s	t	u
space	delete	v	w	x	y	z
no	yes					

Supporting expression

Give them time

**Encourage thinking of another word or
describe it instead**

Encourage them to use key words

**Use yes/no questions to confirm you
understand**

Respond to gesture, mime and pointing

**Use writing and drawing if they are able to do
this**

**Make use of maps, photos, calendars,
communication books, alphabet boards etc.**

For more information visit the link or scan the QR code below with your smart phone or tablet camera to watch our video:

<https://vimeo.com/847042268/e16d8311e6>



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