

# Aphasia?



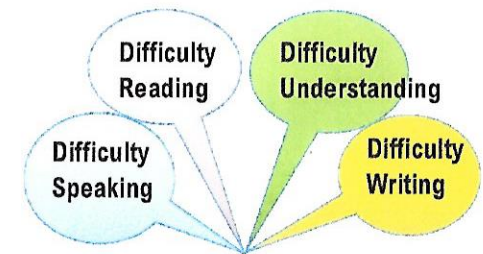
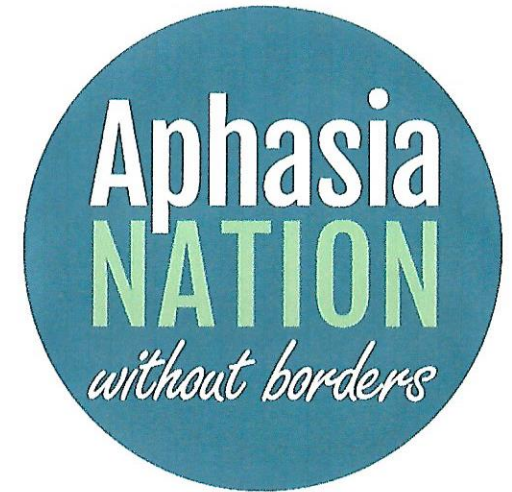
Typically from a stroke, aphasia affects your ability to read, write, speak, and understand language, both verbal and written.

There are about 2.6 million people with aphasia in North America, *yet most people have never heard of it!*

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Loss of Language ...  
**NOT Intellect**

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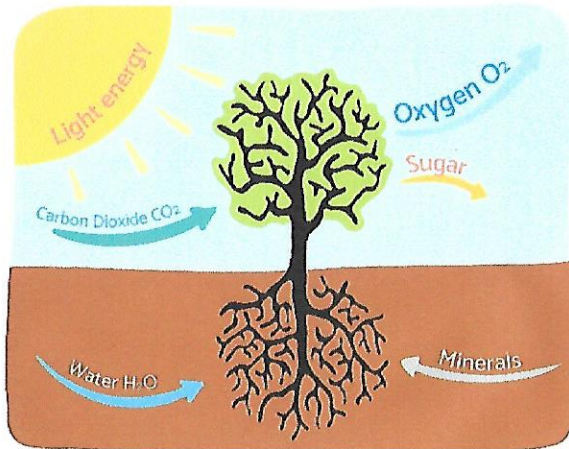
## APHASIA

Greek (without speech)

**Educating the wider public about stroke, aphasia, and brain plasticity**

## Photosynthesis and Plasticity

### Photosynthesis

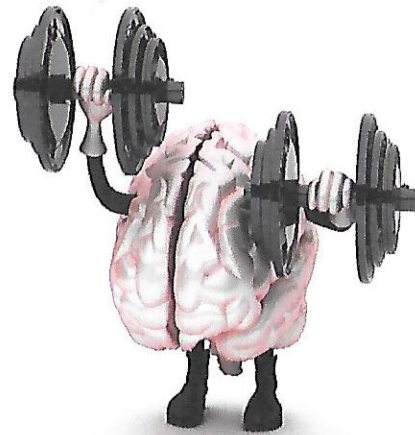


**Photosynthesis** converts sunlight into green leaves.

**Plasticity** converts thought (it might as well be sunlight) and cognitive activities (reading, writing, and speaking) into neural (brain) matter.

## Plasticity Is the Foundation of All Learning

Aphasia recovery is based on persistent and repetitive language activities that create the fuel needed to reorganize, rebuild, and refresh the brain.



**The Brain Really Does Rewire Itself!**

## Aphasia Nation Goes Beyond Aphasia

- **educates** the wider public about stroke, aphasia, and plasticity.
- **teaches** people with aphasia about plasticity and the recovery process.
- **shares** one's stroke and aphasia stories through family, friends, neighbors, and local organizations.
- **reaches** beyond the speech-language world to connect with the outside world about brain injury and recovery.
- **builds** an international effort across every domain about the science of learning and how the brain works.
- **connects** with healthcare providers and hospitals, linking aphasia to stroke, in social media, websites, and the public.