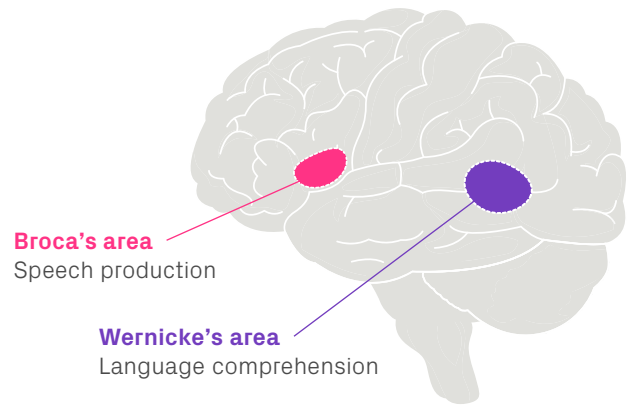


# Demystifying aphasia

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