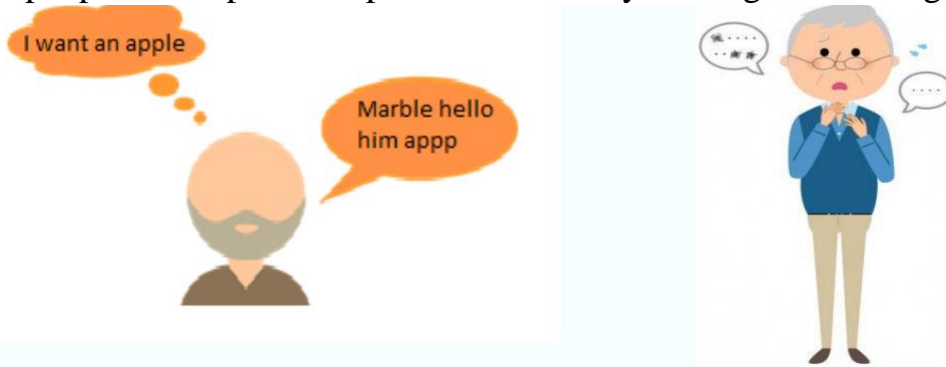


FAQs on Aphasia

1. What is Aphasia?

Aphasia impairs the ability to speak and understand others, and most people with aphasia experience difficulty reading and writing.



2. What causes Aphasia?

The most common cause of aphasia is stroke (about 25-40% of stroke survivors acquire aphasia). It can also result from head injury due to accident, brain tumor or other neurological causes.



3. Can aphasia be cured?

There is no cure for aphasia. However, after neurological treatment, consulting a Speech Language Pathologist for early treatment of the individual's speech and language difficulties is advised.

4. Do all persons with aphasia have a physical disability?

No, but many people with aphasia will have weakness or paralysis of their right side. This occurs because the left side of the brain mainly controls the right side of the body which would be generally damaged in these individuals

5. Are all cases of aphasia alike?

No. There are many types of aphasia and the severity of the difficulty may vary from mild to severe. Based on the type and severity some people may have

- Difficulty in speaking



- Difficulty in understanding a conversation



- Difficulty in writing, reading, and listening

6. Does aphasia affect a person's intelligence?

No. A person with aphasia may have difficulty recalling words and names, but the person's intelligence is basically intact.

7. Who are the professionals involved in the treatment of Aphasia?

A person with Aphasia will require help of a group of professionals based on the need of the Person with Aphasia like

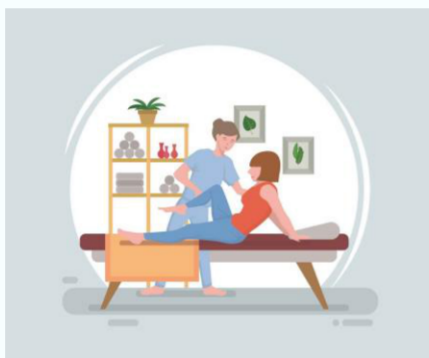
- **Speech Language Pathologist:** For improving speech and language skills and any feeding difficulties



- **Audiologist:** For any hearing related difficulties



- **Physiotherapist:** For enabling movement, etc.



8. Can they regain their communication skills?

Most people with aphasia recover their language and communication skills, following an intensive speech and language therapy combined with physiotherapy. But the rate of regaining abilities varies depending on the individuals' motivation and the severity of the problem.

9. Can people with aphasia return to their jobs?

With intensive speech, language therapy and physiotherapy individuals with mild to moderate aphasia can get back to their work. But sometimes some type of work might be difficult for these individuals so they may have to change their type of work.

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