



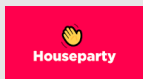


TECHNOLOGY: Why It's More Important Than Ever...

Aphasia makes communicating with family and friends challenging. People with Aphasia often rely on visual cues such as facial expressions, gestures, or written words to enhance their speaking and understanding. However, social distancing rules and face masks have created a new roadblock to communicating with our loved ones. Below is a list of applications that can help you feel connected:

 Zoom	<p>Zoom is a video conferencing platform that is supported on all devices. It allows you to video chat with multiple people. Zoom also has a whiteboard feature to write, type or draw.</p>
 Facetime	<p>Facetime is a video chat platform that is for apple users only. It can be used on an iPhone or an iPad. Using a video chat allows you to see your communication partner's facial expressions and for a person with Aphasia to use gestures.</p>
 Google Duo	<p>Google Duo is a video chat platform that is available across devices, like Zoom.</p>
 Skype	<p>Skype is a video chat platform that can be used across devices. Skype has a closed captioning feature. It can caption everything your communication partner is saying so that you can read along. Sometimes the visual support combined with the audio is beneficial in helping the person with Aphasia follow the conversation.</p>
 Houseparty	<p>Houseparty is a video chat app that is available on apple and android phones. Rather than calling, once someone opens the app they can "join" a call with their friends. Houseparty also allows you to play games such as trivia during the call with your conversation partner.</p>






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 Clarocom	Clarocom has a variety of stored messages which you can forward to text messaging and email. You can add your own personalized phrases to improve your texting efficiency. The app also uses a text-to-speech feature to speak the message aloud.
 Word Board	Word Board allows you to generate a keyboard of customized phrases to use in texting, email, or social media.
 Game Pigeon	Connect without words. Game Pigeon, only available on apple products, syncs with your messaging to allow you to challenge friends and family in a variety of games such as chess, checkers, and mini golf.



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