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I have **APHASIA**.

APHASIA affects my ability to speak, understand, read and write.

Aphasia **DOES NOT** affect my **INTELLIGENCE**.

BECAUSE OF MY APHASIA:

- I may have trouble <u>SAYING</u> or <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> numbers or monetary values.
 - O When you say \$40.00, I may think you're saying \$14.00.
- I may have trouble **<u>UNDERSTANDING</u>** the **<u>NAMES</u>** of my groceries, and could process it as a related item.
 - o For example, if you say "apple," I may process it as "pear," or another fruit.
- I may have trouble **SAYING** the **NAMES** of my groceries, and the wrong word or a related word may come out instead.
 - o For example, I may say "banana" when I meant "apple," or I might say "balso" when I meant banana.
- I may need **HELP BAGGING** or **CARRYING** my groceries due to right sided weakness.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ME COMMUNICATE:

- **SHOW ME** or **WRITE DOWN** the amount of \$\$ I owe you.
- Allow me to pull the name of an item on my phone or write it for you.
- Ask if I need assistance with bagging or carrying my groceries.
- Give me time to respond.
- Be patient.
- Use short, direct sentences while maintaining an adult tone.



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