

# COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES



Remove auditory and visual distractions, such as the TV or radio



Have the PWA's (person with Aphasia) attention before speaking to them



Use short, direct sentences while maintaining an adult tone



Repeat or rephrase your message as needed



Give the PWA time to respond



Ask yes/no questions to confirm understanding



Do not fill in words or complete sentence for the PWA, unless they ask you to

If writing/reading is helpful:



Write down key words on a whiteboard or blank paper to assist

with comprehension and/or to provide choices for them to select



Allow PWA to write, draw, or gesture as needed



If you understand the message, try not to correct the PWA



Be patient

