

LET'S TALK!



Tips and tools for communicating and including someone with APHASIA*



LOWER, minimize and remove background noise, other voices, and distractions.



ye Contact Maintain EYE CONTACT. Talk directly to the person, one person talking at a time.



one Keep the **TONE** of speech even, calm and age appropriate.

Do not raise your voice or talk down to the person.



Speak in slow, simple and direct sentences.



ime Don't rush, take your TIME! Be patient!



Use yes or no questions. **ASK** if the person has an aphasia notebook or an iPad he uses to help with communication. Use hand gestures, written words or pictures.



isten LISTEN. Give them time to speak. Resist the urge to finish sentences or guess what the person is saying. If you feel it will help, request permission first.



ind **BE KIND!** Engage with the person using kindness, empathy, patience and a smile!

REMEMBER!! APHASIA AFFECTS LANGUAGE, NOT INTELLECT!!

*These tools and tips can be useful with other language impairments, as well.



