

Aphasia Severity Rating (ASR)

The ASR provides an index of the severity of the aphasia language impairment.



Rating Anchors

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Speech, writing and/or auditory comprehension are not functional. Any attempts to speak or use of fluent utterances are not understandable to the listener OR the individual may not attempt to speak at all.

1

The individual may occasionally produce words or phrases that are meaningful in context, but communication is fragmentary and not possible without significant help from the listener e.g. guessing, questioning. Conversation is very 'one sided' with the listener bearing almost all of the burden. An extremely limited amount or range of information is exchanged. Misunderstandings or failed communications are very frequent.

2

Basic conversation about most familiar or everyday topics is possible but significant break down occurs with more abstract or difficult conversations. The burden of conversation is not fully shared by the individual who experiences several instances of word finding failures, paraphasias, and/or misunderstandings by the listener requiring need for repair.

3

Despite some observable issues related to speech fluency or comprehension, there is no significant limitation. The individual may hesitate to access words or self-correct during conversation, but is able to share a significant portion of the burden of communication with the listener.

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Although the individual feels that he/she has a problem with language, this is barely apparent to the listener who may not detect any problem with speaking or understanding.

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