Communication tips for:
General suggestions

☐ Adult conversations
☐ Patience
☐ Humor
☐ Non-verbal communication
☐ Do not pretend to understand

Suggestions for speaking

☐ Short and simple sentences
☐ No distractions
☐ Expressive voice
☐ Pointing and gestures
☐ Written words and drawings
Suggestions for asking

☐ Yes or no questions
☐ Clear answer choices
☐ Verbal and written choices
☐ Few answer choices
☐ Extra time to answer

Suggestions for listening

☐ Be patient
☐ Offer support
☐ Give suggestions
Check Your Understanding

☐ Repeat what you heard
☐ If you understand, show it
☐ If you do not understand, do not pretend

Check Their Understanding

☐ Notice facial expression
☐ Ask “Do you understand?”
☐ Repeat what you said
☐ Write important words
More information

- The Aphasia Institute:
  www.aphasia.ca/

- Find a speech-language pathologist:
  www.asha.org
  (800) 638-8255
References
