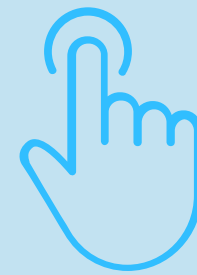


Communication

Losing the ability to communicate can be one of the most frustrating and difficult problems for people with dementia, their families and their carers. People with dementia may experience a gradual lessening of their ability to communicate, both in language and speech.



Communication involves all of our senses; impairment to any of these may affect our ability to communicate

E.g., word-finding difficulties, inability to speak fluently, difficulty understanding, impaired reading skills, loss of social conventions, difficulty expressing emotions.

Aphasia is common in PWD and refers to an impairment affecting language, speech, reading and writing

Each person with dementia is unique and difficulties in communicating thoughts and feelings are very individual

Hack:

Combine simulation tools & try to explore how difficult communication can be



Relevance to dementia

Good communication is an important part of living well after a diagnosis of dementia. It helps to keep a sense of self, maintain relationships and quality of life. People with dementia can experience reduced understanding, verbal expression, repetition, reading and writing. Neither healthcare professionals nor informal caregivers receive adequate training to meet these communication needs, so it is important to be aware of these communication difficulties in people with dementia.