

# Aphasia Recovery After Stroke

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## Recovery from aphasia in the first year after stroke

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After a **stroke**, many people with **aphasia** improve



We saw 218 people who had aphasia and looked at their **language abilities** **four times** during their **first year** after stroke



People who had damage to the **left frontal region** of the brain had a relatively **good recovery**



People who had **significant damage** to the **left temporoparietal region** of the brain still had a lot of **trouble with language**



**Different parts of language** recovered at **different speeds**



For example, the ability to understand **words** improved relatively **quickly**



It took **longer** to get better at **reading** and understanding complicated **sentences**



**Recovery** depends a lot on **where** the **brain damage** is



These results will **help doctors and speech therapists predict** what people's language will be like after their stroke

