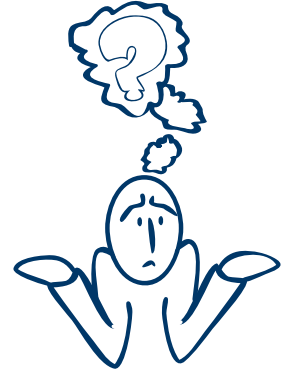




## Association Internationale Aphasie (AIA)

Aphasia is a **language disorder**.

People who suffer from aphasia can have problems with **speaking, understanding, reading, writing, and doing sums**.



The **cause** of aphasia is always **brain damage**. In most cases this is a **stroke**, but also an **accident** or a **tumour** can cause aphasia.

Someone suffers from a stroke when the **blood circulation** in the brains is **suddenly** disrupted.

This can happen in two ways: a blood vessel can get **clogged up** or a blood vessel can start **leaking**.

### Clogs:

As a result of a **thickening of the vascular wall** (thrombosis) or because of a **blood clot** (embolism) a blood vessel can get clogged up.

This is called a cerebral **infarction**.



### Leaking:

A **soft spot** can form inside a blood vessel (aneurysm); that soft spot can **become porous** and start **leaking** or **burst open**.

This is called a cerebral **haemorrhage**.



**Doctors** mostly call a stroke a **CVA**: a **Cerebral Vascular Accident**.