Aphasia

Aphasia is a disturbance of the comprehension and expression of language caused by dysfunction (damage) of the brain.

Classified as a language disorder, aphasia affects remembering words to losing the ability to speak, listen, read, or write. Aphasia also affects visual languages such as sign language.

Aphasia is usually caused by brain damage, commonly caused by a stroke. Brain damage linked to aphasia can also be caused by other brain diseases including cancer, epilepsy, and Alzheimer's disease. Individuals with aphasia may also have other problems including dysarthria, apraxia, or swallowing.