

INTRODUCTION

This second edition of the *Basic Level Workbook for Aphasia* was developed from the feedback of professionals, patients, and our own experience at Beaumont Hospital. The improvements and additions will enhance the experience of users. We trialed pages with patients in the original version and pages in the second edition with the new font, use of boldface, and increased white space. We found the same patients had better scores and feedback with the new version.

The scope of this workbook complements the original *Workbook for Aphasia* and provides a variety of stimulus items and exercises for the severity and interest level of individuals who cannot yet handle the original workbook and/or who are unable to spell or write a response. Our goals were twofold. One was to improve the layout for patients. The other was to make the exercises interesting while maintaining a relatively fixed level of complexity and structure. Vocabulary is diverse, relevant to real life, and of reasonable complexity for adults and adolescents. Subject matter in the questions is more limited to reflect common and easily recognized ideas and experiences and is also more engaging and less repetitive.

More specifically, this workbook is designed for the individual who is moving beyond simple word-to-picture matching and is beginning to recognize some phrase- or sentence-level reading. While some exercises might be challenging, part of that challenge is for the user to effectively eliminate an incorrect choice, find an important clue word

in the content, and/or answer, navigate through a question and a page, and reconnect with printed words and their meanings.

Other enhancements to this second edition include:

- A sturdy ring binder with the title on the spine
- Easy-to-remove separate sheets of more durable paper
- Color-coded tabbed dividers with bold print identifiers
- Revised page format with cleaner lines and additional white space between questions
- An easier-to-read font with good contrast between regular and boldface styles
- Rewritten and new questions, revised vocabulary for clarity or complexity, updated vocabulary for 2009, and less repetitive answer choices
- Revised copyright statement that grants you permission to legally copy exercises for your personal use or for that of a patient

We believe we have encompassed the best of your ideas and the best from the original book to give great variety and vocabulary, visually-pleasing pages, and much practice with many choices for those who are working their way back to reading comprehension.

Thank you for your continued support of Brubaker books, your feedback, and use of our treatment materials to stimulate the brain, provide practice, a challenge, and perhaps even a chuckle or two.