# **Meet Bruce**

A Communication Hub resource

(Gentle upbeat music)

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00:00:17,600 --> 00:00:20,400

Maybe eight years ago, I can't remember the time,

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00:00:20,400 --> 00:00:22,880

but yeah-yeah the

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00:00:22,880 --> 00:00:26,200

I was in the library.

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00:00:26,200 --> 00:00:32,760

I went to the counter, I tried to answer back or

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00:00:32,880 --> 00:00:37,680

"coffee" or whatever, but it's hard going, so just "coffee"

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00:00:38,480 --> 00:00:42,720

"It's okay", that's it. But now I'm confident,

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00:00:42,720 --> 00:00:46,600

so just "have a coffee, please?"

"Could I also have the cake?" or whatever

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00:00:46,600 --> 00:00:54,520

So now it's okay, but eight years ago, it's still hard going,

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00:00:56,680 --> 00:01:01,320

My wallet, it got an Aphasia card.

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00:01:01,320 --> 00:01:06,000

So, this is my card. It's about aphasia.

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00:01:06,000 --> 00:01:10,160 So, just slow down and listen and time.

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00:01:10,160 --> 00:01:12,320

I'm answering back.

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00:01:13,560 --> 00:01:16,320

[interviewer: What are your top tips for people?]

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00:01:16,320 --> 00:01:18,880

Slow down.

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00:01:18,920 --> 00:01:21,200

Small sentences.

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00:01:22,720 --> 00:01:24,280

Take pauses.

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00:01:24,280 --> 00:01:28,280

And, listening. A lot of people - no listening.

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00:01:28,280 --> 00:01:37,600
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So, just slow down and take - did - no - giving me time.

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00:01:37,600 --> 00:01:45,600

And then, couldn't - do not interrupt as well.

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00:01:49,360 --> 00:01:53,000

But, I'm not angry.

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00:01:56,360 --> 00:02:00,800

I'm just, like, I'm trying a second time or whatever,

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00:02:00,800 --> 00:02:04,600

but I'm not angry. Before that, I'm just trying.

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00:02:07,680 --> 00:02:18,320

A lot of people stop speech therapy.

Sorry. No talking. That's it forever.

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00:02:18,320 --> 00:02:22,560

But I want to keep going, so speech therapy and it's still going.

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00:02:22,560 --> 00:02:27,400

I've got 20 years, no, ten years later, and it's still will keep going.

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00:02:27,400 --> 00:02:31,840

So, hopefully okay, but it's hard. (Gentle upbeat music)