

More than Speech

A Communication Hub resource

(Gentle upbeat music)

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Every day we communicate with others.

Whether it be with family or friends,

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buying a takeaway cup of coffee or

asking a question, or talking on our mobile.

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We communicate every day.

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Everyone can communicate, but for some, it can be a little more challenging.

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In fact, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, around 1.2 million Australians have a communication disability.

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Having a communication disability directly impacts

your quality of life,

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your education and work opportunities,

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and your ability to interact with friends and family.

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*People with communication disability communicate
in a variety of ways.*

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*This includes using word-based or picture-based
communication boards or books,*

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sign and gesture, and spelling, for example.

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Technology plays a growing and vital role

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in keeping those with communication disability engaged with their family, friends and the wider community.

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Assistive technology such as electronic communication and speech generating devices,

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voice amplification and computer access aids can be used.

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Eye gaze mouse control and head tracking devices allow people with communication difficulties

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to communicate with those around them.

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Work with us to increase awareness of communication disability

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and help all Australians communicate with

confidence.

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