

## Word Finding and Lexical Semantic Disorders

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Glossary: Definitions of common linguistic and aphasia terminology.

<u>Linguistic Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Lemma	Abstract form of a word, including its grammatical properties
Lexicon	Repository of word in one's language; vocabulary
Semantic	Pertaining to meanings of a word or concept
Phonological	Pertaining to the sound structure of the word
Phoneme	Smallest unit of sound that changes meaning (e.g. <u>d</u> og vs. <u>l</u> og)
Syntax	Pertaining to grammar and word order
Morphological	Pertaining to parts of words and their endings (e.g., tense, plural)
Verbal Fluency	Task in which words are retrieved for a given category or letter
Sentence Fluency	Ease with which sentences are produced in fluid, grammatical utterances.
Orthography	Written text
Nonword	Item made up of a plausible combination of letters or phonemes (e.g. flig, swack)
Semantic Coordinate	Word from the same semantic category (e.g., dog, cat, rabbit)
Superordinate	Word that denotes the category label (e.g., animal)
Semantic Subordinate	Word corresponding to a category member (e.g., animal > cat)
Semantic Associate	Word related to another word (e.g., cat > meow, whisker)
Tip-of-the-tongue	A word that one knows but cannot retrieve at a given moment
Filler word	Small utterances spoken during moments of word finding (e.g., um, er)

<u>Aphasia Term</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Anomia	Word finding difficulty
Nonfluent	Verbal output that is reduced in length/amount, possibly due to difficulties of grammar, phonology, or word finding
Wernicke's aphasia	Fluent but impaired verbal output in sentence production and repetition; impaired auditory comprehension; neologisms common
Broca's aphasia	Nonfluent, agrammatic verbal output in sentence production and repetition; relatively preserved auditory comprehension
Agrammatism	Verbal utterances lacking in grammar words (e.g., "dog chase cat")
Conduction aphasia	Fluent but impaired verbal output and repetition; common phoneme errors; relatively intact auditory comprehension
Transcortical sensory aphasia	Fluent but impaired verbal output and auditory comprehension with intact, parrot-like repetition
Transcortical motor aphasia	Nonfluent verbal output with intact auditory comprehension and intact, parrot-like repetition
Perseveration	Stuck in set; word produced repeatedly
Conduit d'approche	Series of phonemic errors spoken in succession; common in Conduction aphasia
Paraphasia	Word substitution error (e.g., "dog" for CAT)
Semantic error	Word substitution that is related in meaning by coordinate, associate, superordinate relationship
Formal error	Word substitution that shares sound structure (e.g., "sat" for CAT)
Phonemic error	Word error with sound mispronunciation (e.g., "crat" for CAT)
Circumlocution	Description of a word that cannot be retrieved
Neologism	Nonword that has no relationship to a target word (e.g., "treesh")
Phonemic cue	Initial word sound that can trigger production of the full word (e.g., "k" for CAT)