



# THIS CLASSROOM SUPPORTS: **APRAXIA AWARENESS**



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## **What is Apraxia Of Speech?**

Apraxia of speech is a neurological speech disorder that affects 1-2 out of 1000 people globally where the person knows what they want to say; however, they can have difficulty expressing their wants, thoughts, and needs through verbal speech. People with apraxia of speech desire to speak and actively attempt; however, the brain's speech signals to tell the mouth how to move their tongue, lips, and jaw have difficulty.

## **How can this classroom include a student with apraxia of speech?**

Inclusion means everyone knows they deserve to be a part of your classroom this school year! Please give each of your classmates the time they need to speak, don't rush or talk over others, and most importantly, show kindness to one another! If a classmate communicates with a device or their hands, be sure you accept their communication style. Everybody is different in this classroom, and it's up to each one of you to celebrate that!