

“Speak a **good word**  
or remain silent”

Prophet Muhammad





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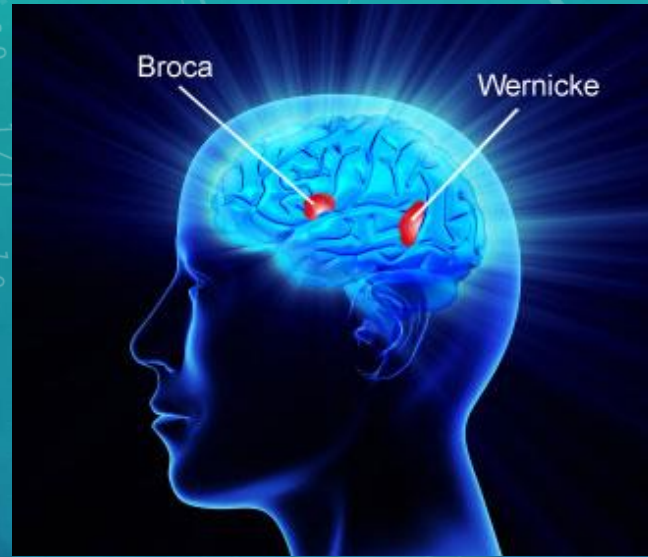
"Kind speech and forgiveness are better than  
charity followed by injury".

(Quran 2:263)



Words are, in my  
not-so-humble  
opinion, our most  
inexhaustible source  
of magic. Capable  
of both inflicting  
injury, and remedying  
it.





# LANGUAGE AND SPEECH

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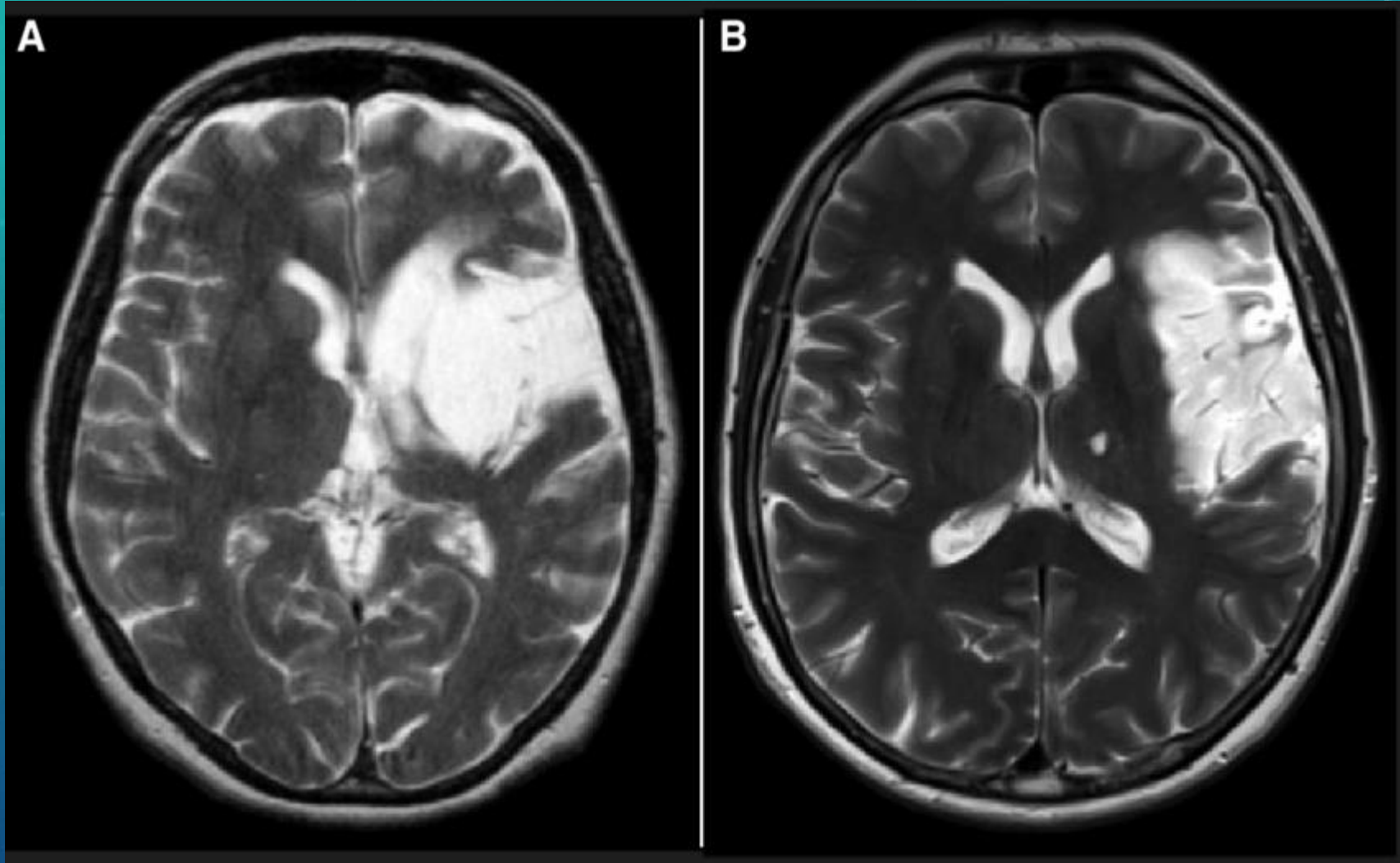
# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define and classify speech
- Describe how the brain performs the function of speech
- Describe Broca's area in brain and its function
- Describe Wernicke's area in the brain and its function
- Describe the speech pathways for perceiving a heard word and the speaking the same word & perceiving a written word and repeating it
- Clinical significance of lesions in speech pathways

# CASE SCENARIO

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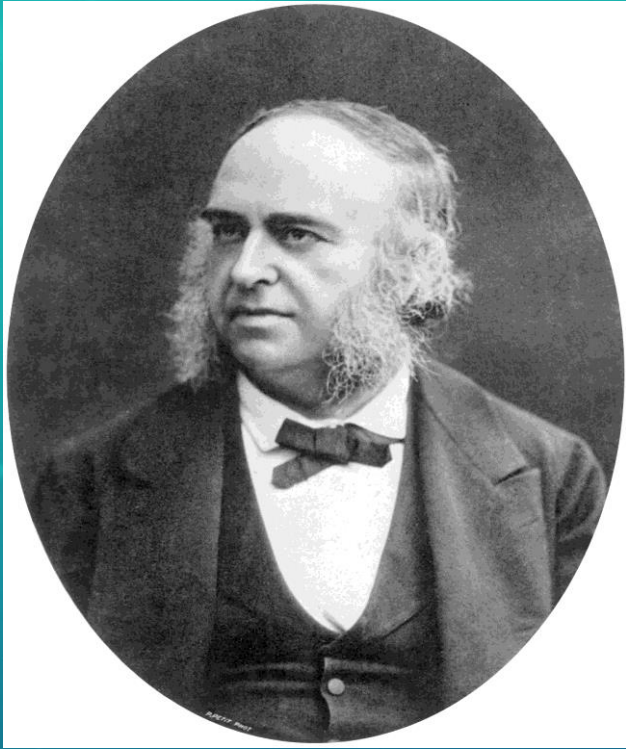
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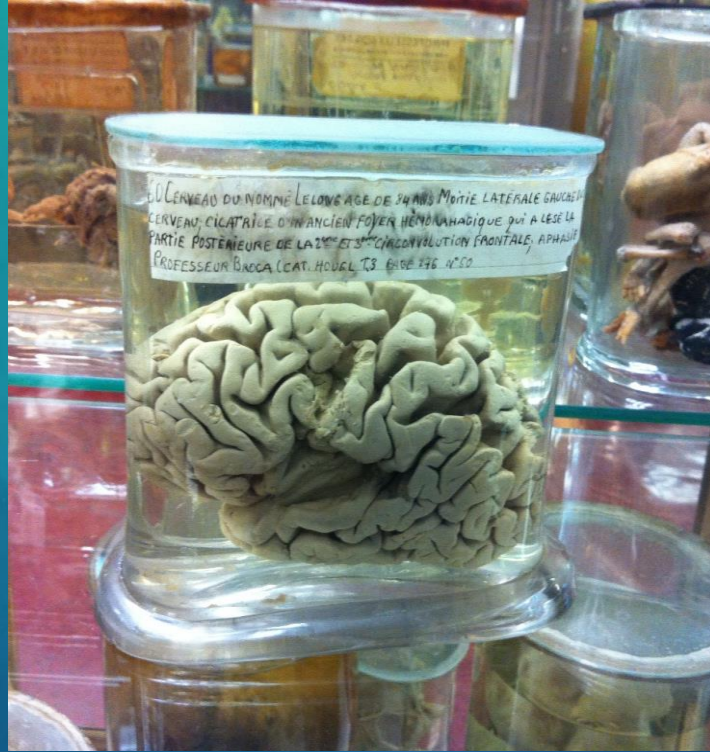


# The story of 'Tan'

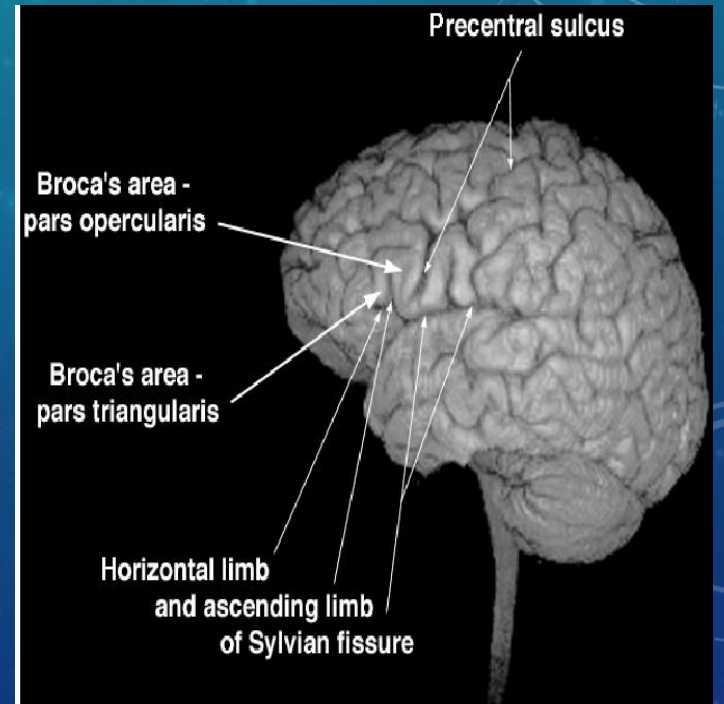
- In the year 1861, A man named *Victor Leborgne*
- Admitted in a mental hospital with a speech disorder
- Could only speak one word 'tan' , in two successive syllables...tan tan
- Regardless of the question he answered 'tan tan'...
- His intelligence was unaffected
- When he died his doctor autopsied his brain and made a discovery that revolutionized neuroscience of speech and language



**Paul Broca**



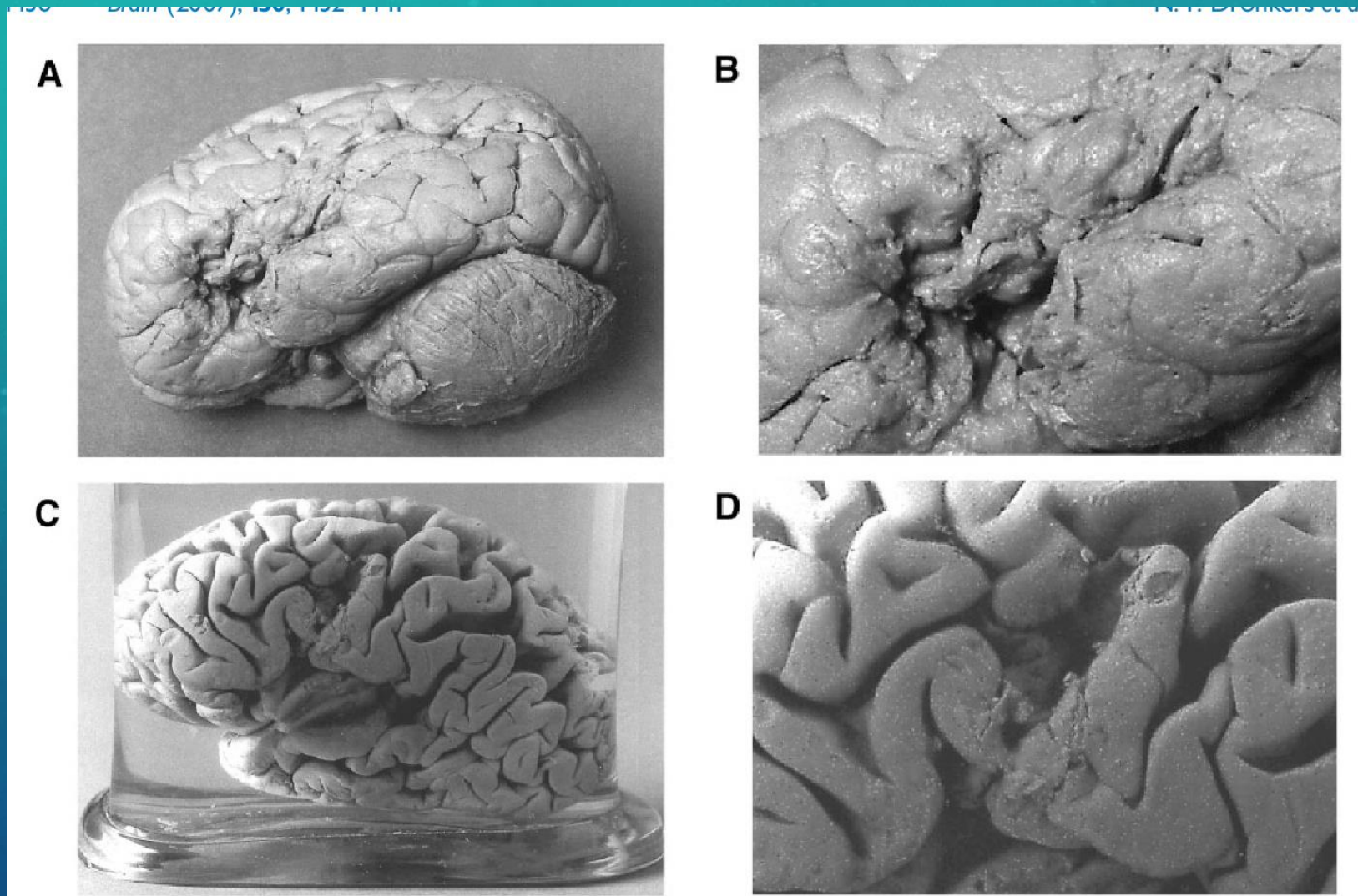
**Mr Tan's brain**



**Broca's area**

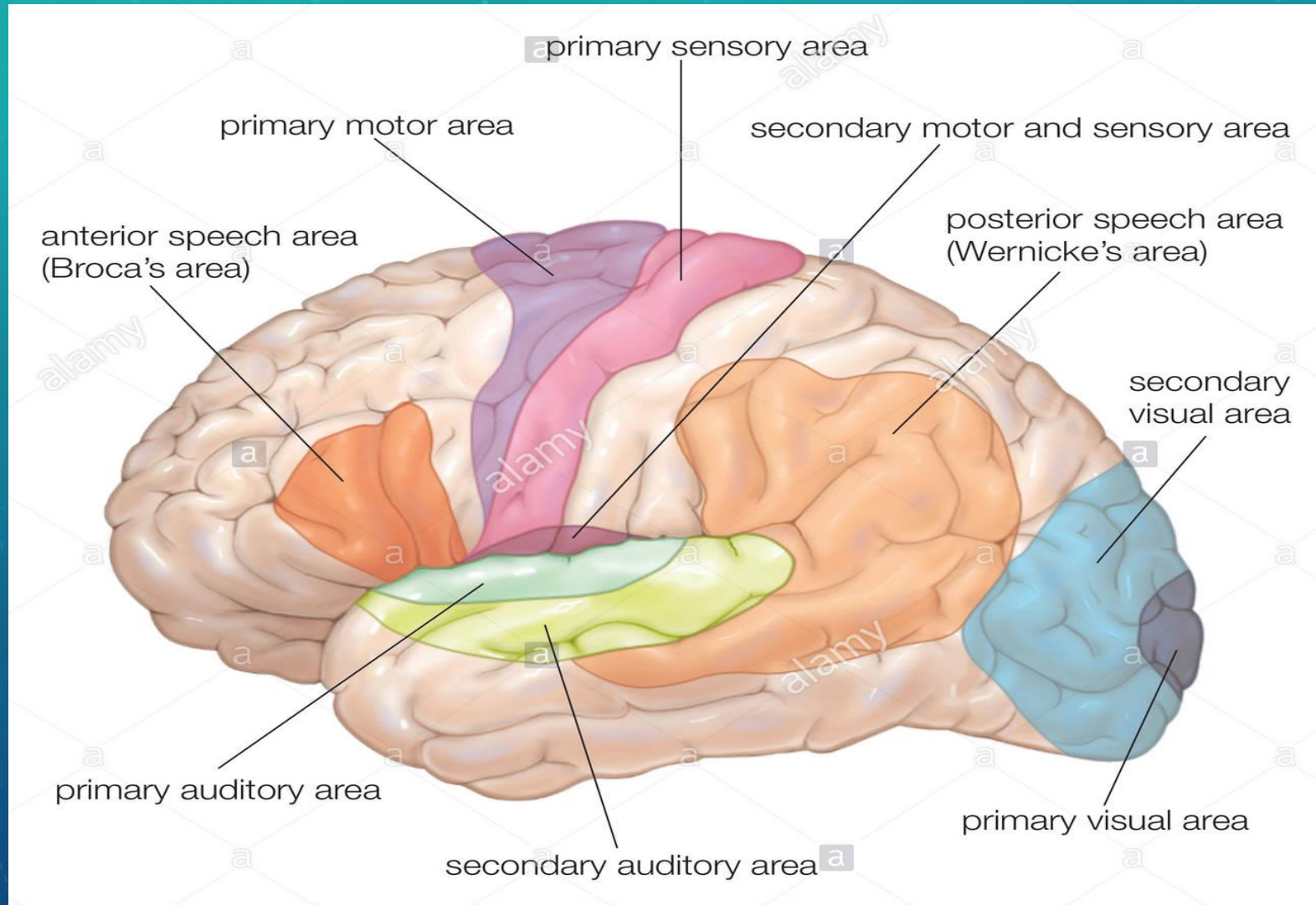


# TAN'S BRAIN



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# Recall your previous knowledge...





# SPEECH

- Speech is defined as expression of thoughts by production of articulate sound, bearing a definite meaning.
- The ability to understand or express oneself by spoken or written words
- One of the higher functions of brain

# MECHANISM OF SPEECH



- Coordinated activities between central speech apparatus and peripheral speech apparatus

## Central speech apparatus

- Higher centres, cortical and subcortical areas

## Peripheral centres:

- Larynx - sound box, pharynx, mouth, nasal cavities, tongue and lips
- All peripheral apparatus functions in coordination with respiratory system



# DEVELOPMENT OF SPEECH



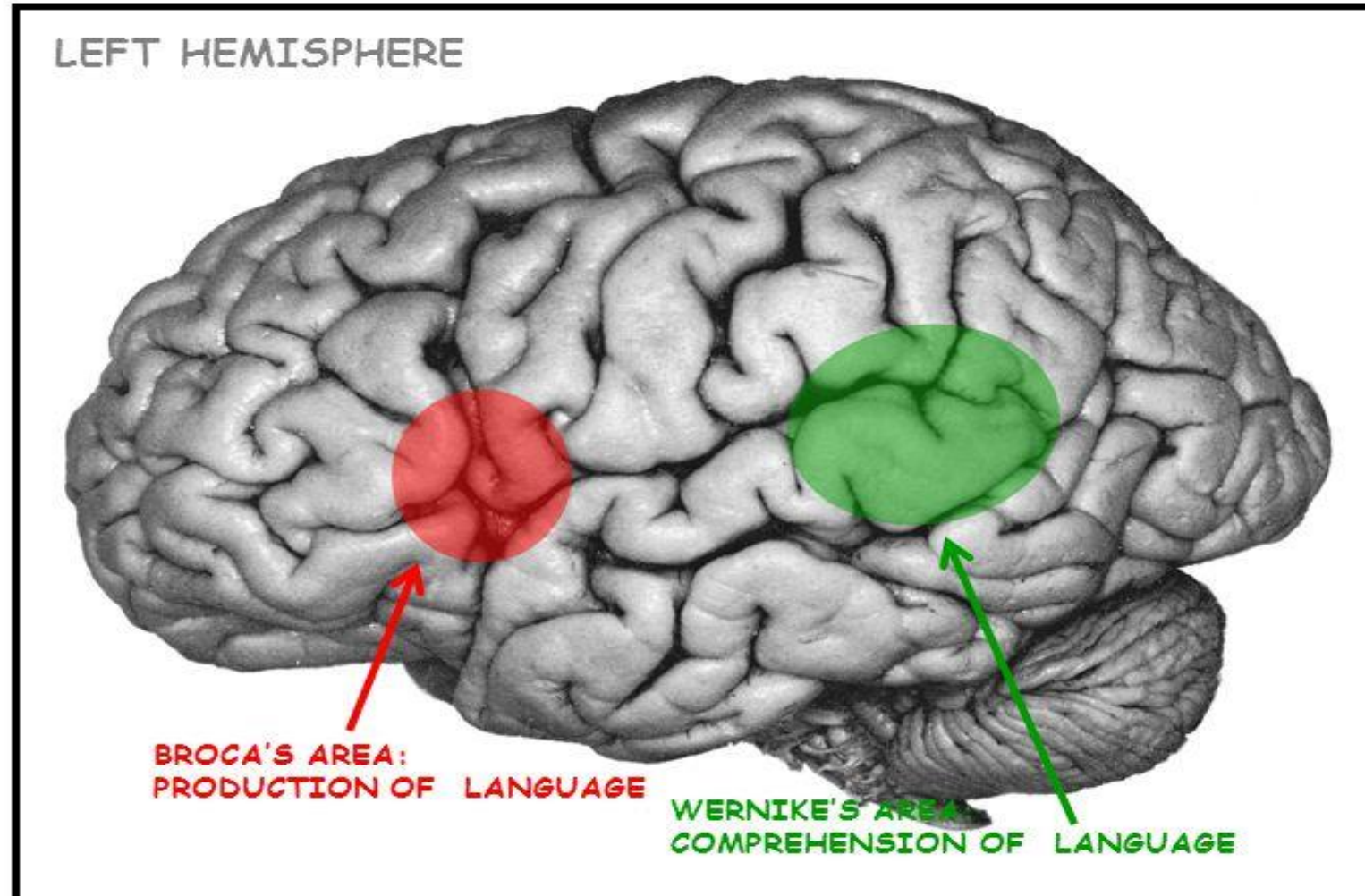
## First stage

- Association of words with visual, tactile, auditory and other sensations, aroused by objects in external environment
- Association of words with other sensations is stored as memory

## Second stage

- New neuronal circuits are established during development of speech.
- when a definite meaning has been attached to certain words, pathway between the auditory area and the motor area is established. This pathway helps in speech .the child attempts to formulate words and pronounce the learnt words

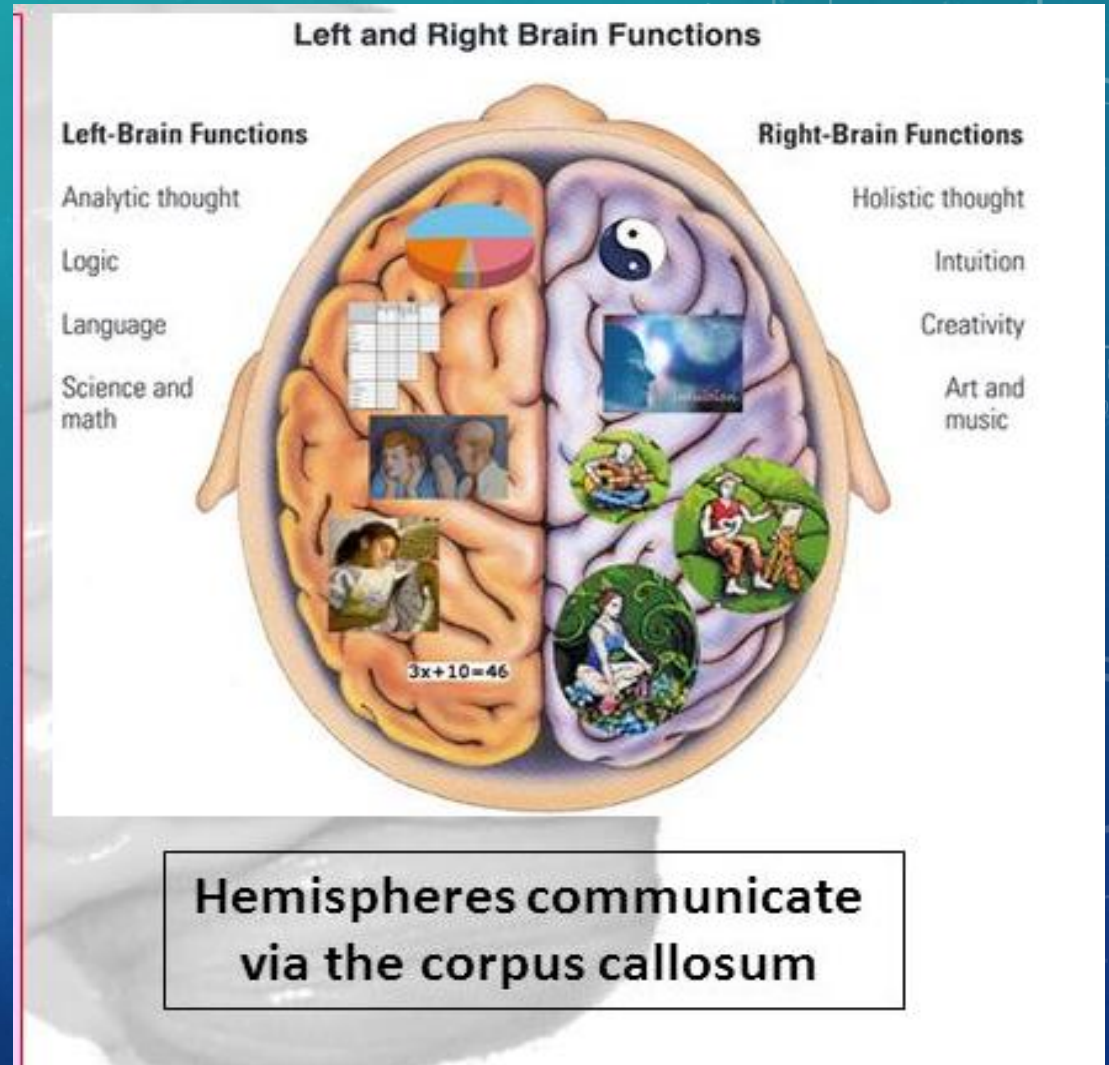
# PRIMARY LANGUAGE AREAS IN ADULTS ARE IN THE LEFT HEMISPHERE





# DOMINANT HEMISPHERE

- **The localization of speech centers & mathematical ability is the criterion for defining the dominant cerebral hemisphere.**
- **In 96% of normal right-handed individuals and 70% of normal left-handed individuals, the left hemisphere contains the language centers. These are left hemisphere dominant.**
- **Cerebral dominance becomes established during the first few years after birth.**



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*'Good grief! Is that all?!'*



# ROLE OF CORTICAL AREAS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPEECH

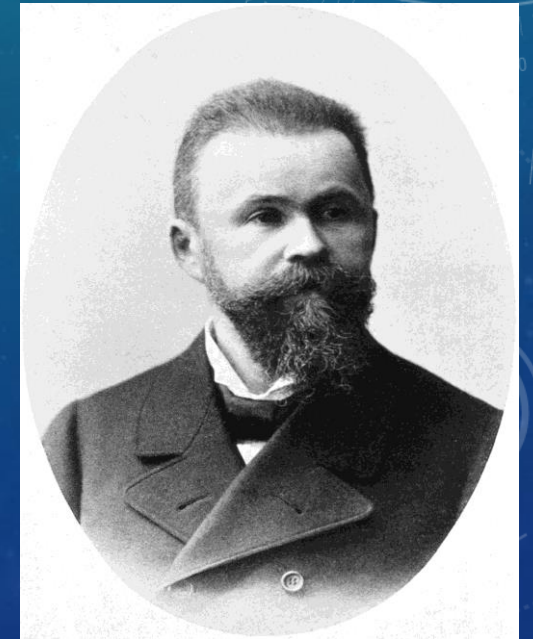
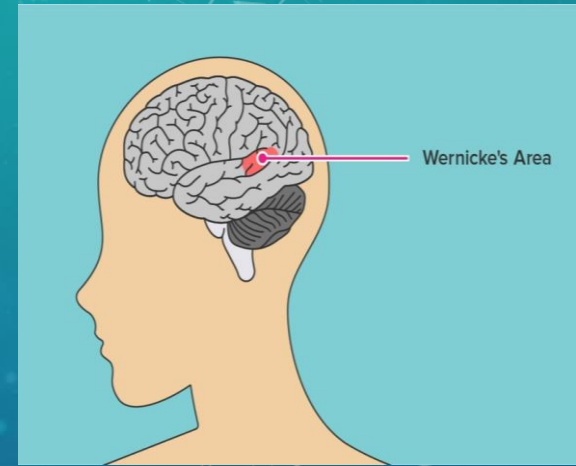
Speech results from Integration of three cortical areas:

- Broca's area
- Wernicke's area
- Motor area



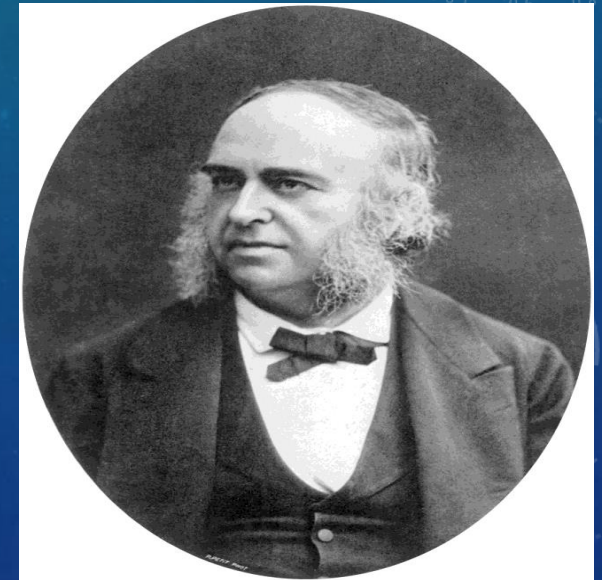
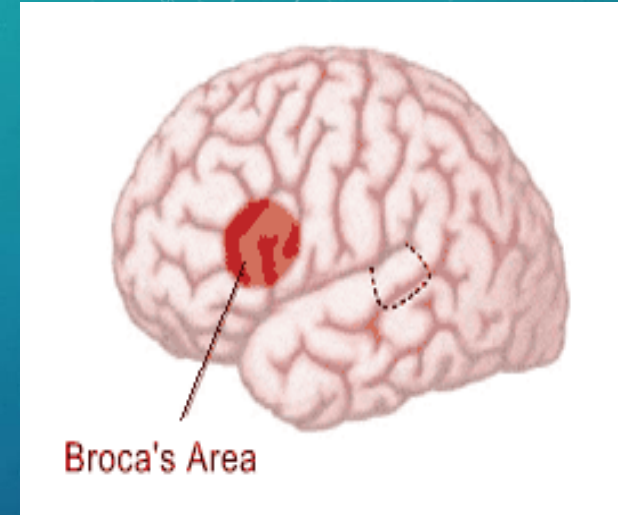
# WERNICKE'S AREA

- The auditory comprehension of speech begins at Wernicke's area
- Situated in the superior temporal gyrus in the upper part of temporal lobe on the left hemisphere
- Brodmann area 22
- Sends fibers to Broca's area through the Arcuate fasciculus
- Responsible for understanding the visual and auditory information required for the production of words
- After understanding the words it sends info to the Broca's area



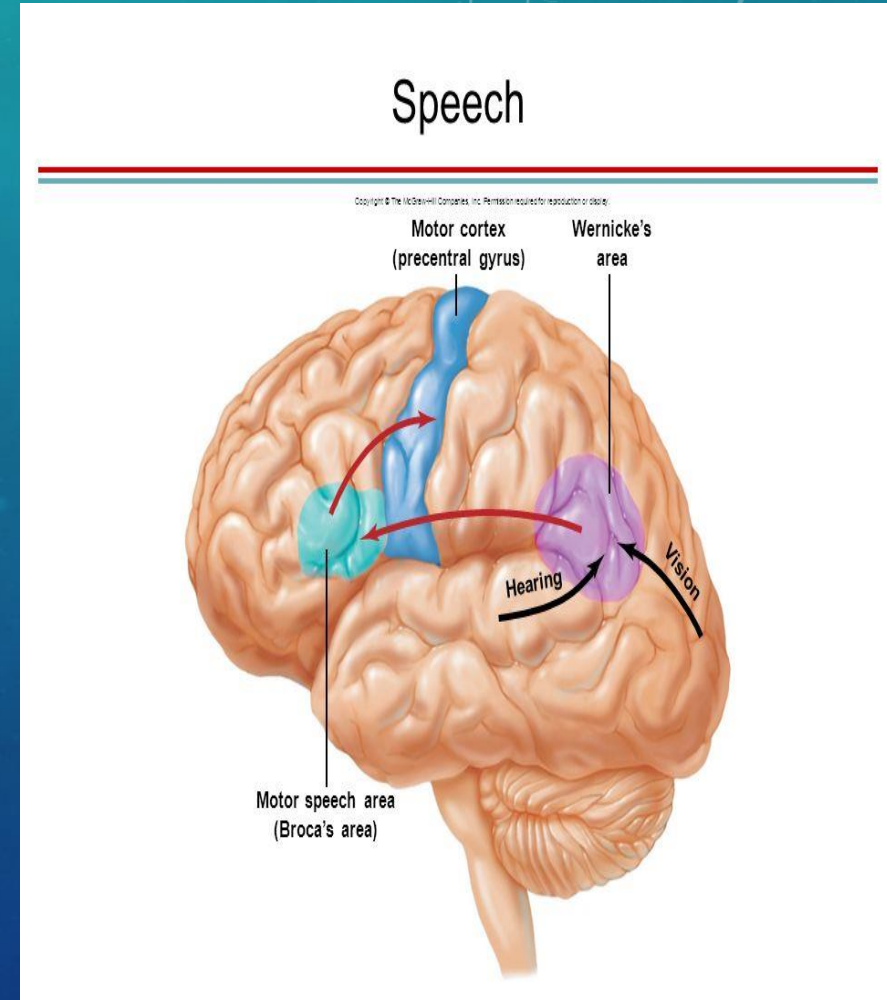
# BROCA'S AREA

- Speech is synthesized in the Broca's Area
- Located in the posterior lateral prefrontal cortex and partly in the premotor area
- Brodmann area 44 and 45
- Situated adjacent to motor area, responsible for movement of tongue, lips and larynx which are necessary for speech
- Develops a pattern of motor activities required to verbalize the words
- It receives input from Wernicke's area required for production of words
- Pattern of motor activities is sent to motor area



# MOTOR AREA

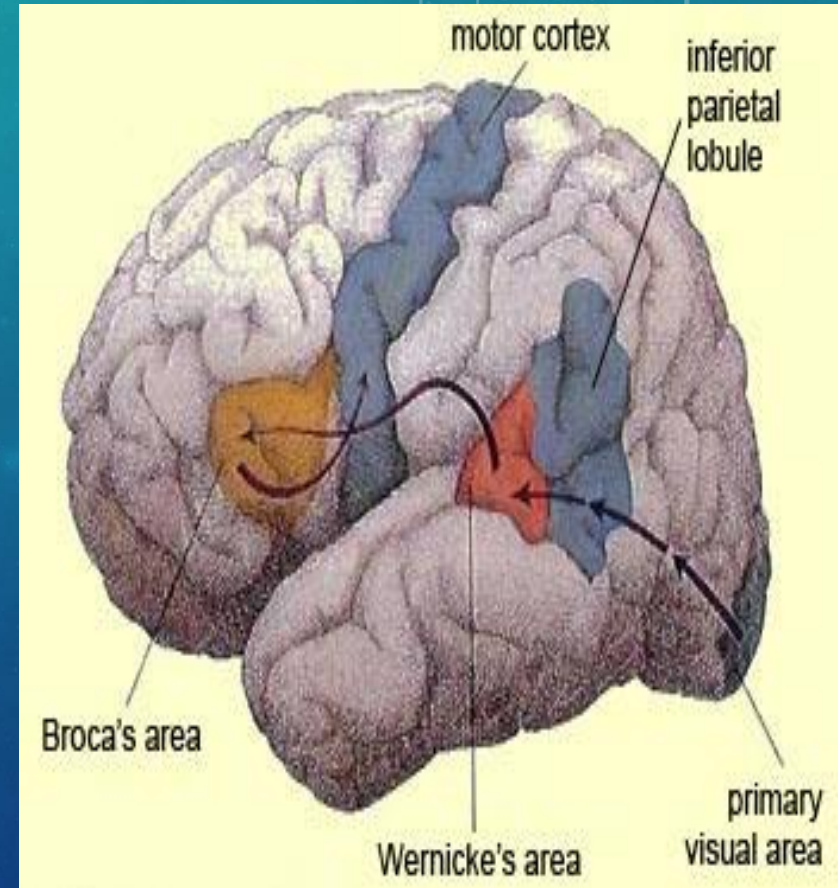
- Receives patterns of activity from Broca's area
- It activates the peripheral speech apparatus
- Results in initiation of movements of tongue, lips and larynx required for speech
- Later when child learns to read, auditory speech is associated with visual symbols (area 18)
- There is association of the auditory and visual areas with the motor areas of the motor areas of muscles of hands
- So child learns to express auditory and visual impressions in the form of written words



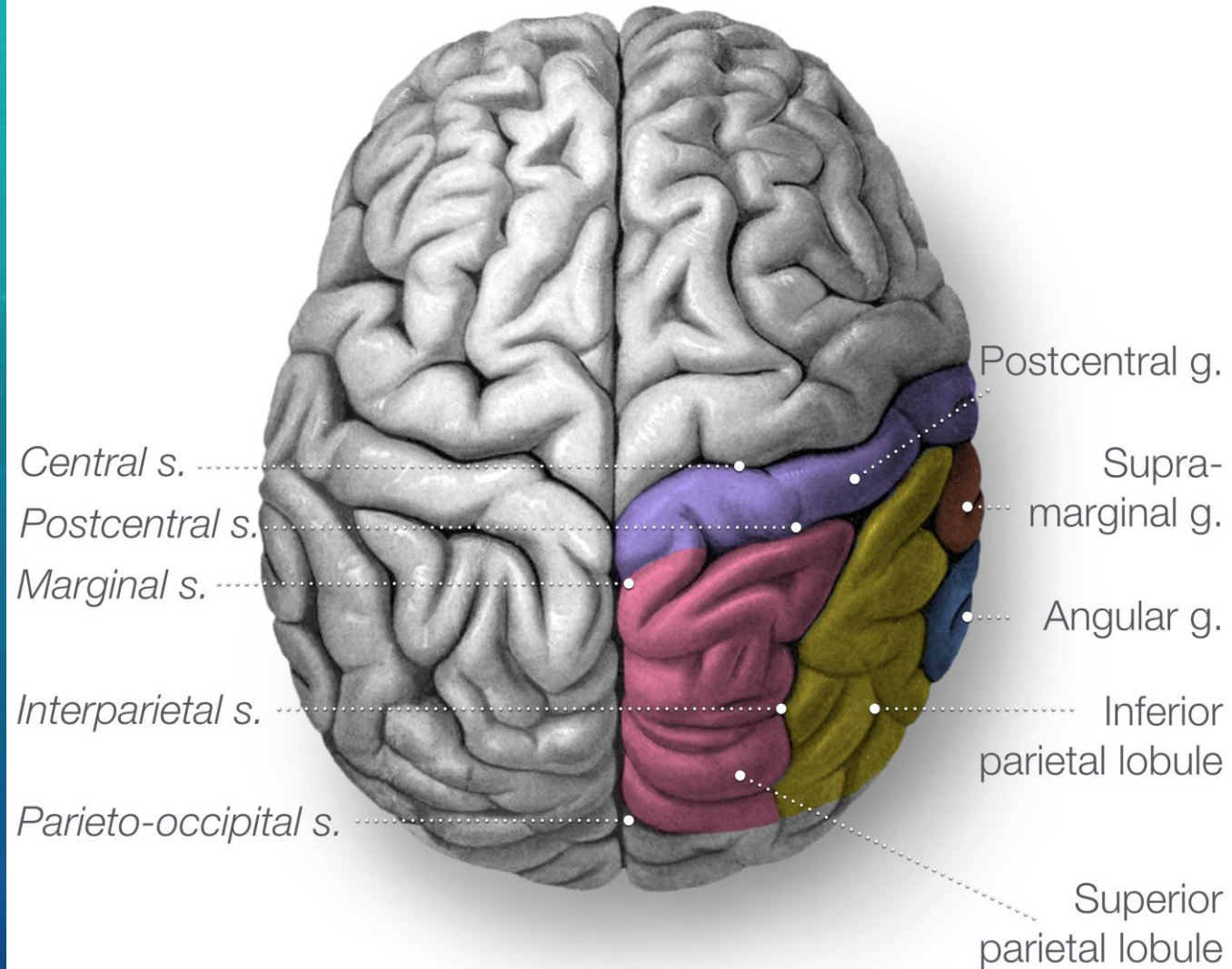


# INFERIOR PARIETAL LOBULE

- Also known as “Geschwind’s territory”, in honour of the American neurologist Norman Geschwind
- Brain imaging studies have now shown that the inferior parietal lobule (angular gyrus and supramarginal gyrus) is connected by large bundles of nerve fibres to both Broca’s area and Wernicke’s area.



# Parietal lobe



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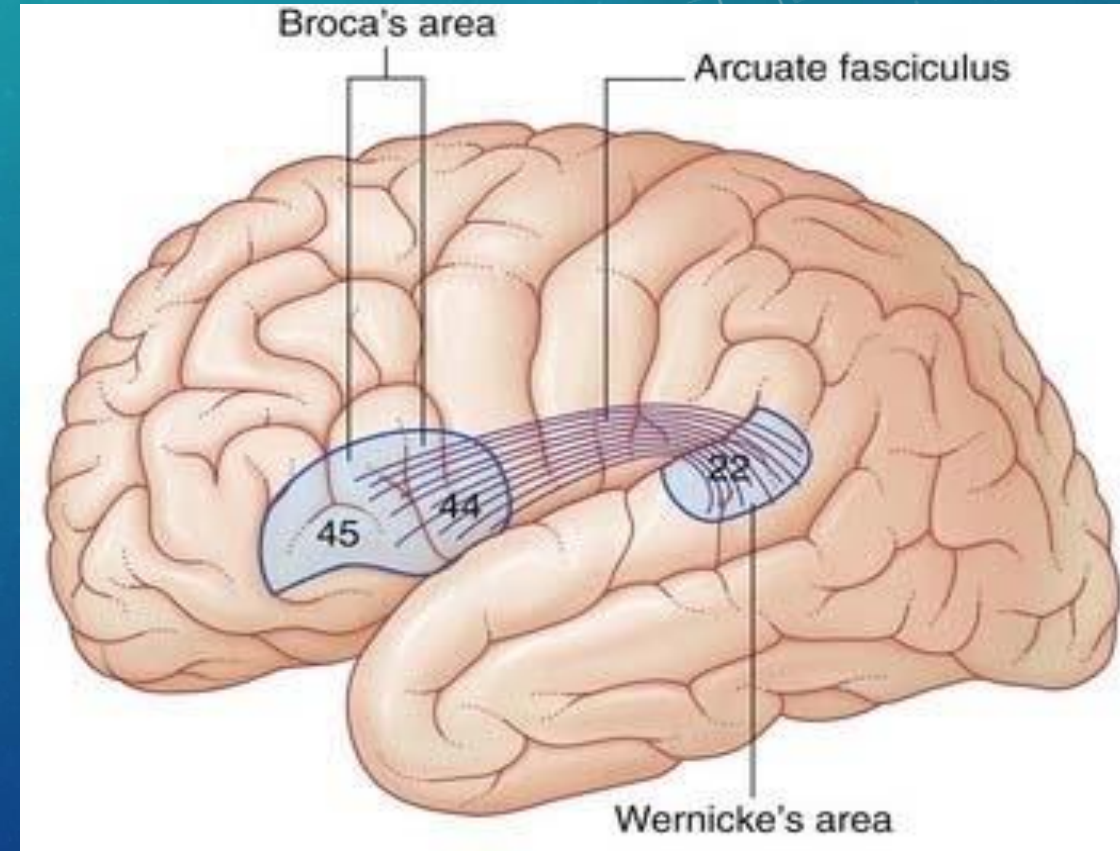


# Brain Areas Involved in Language

Area	Location	Function
<b>1</b> <b>Wernicke's Area</b> (Brodmann's area 22)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•At the posterior end of the <b>superior gyrus</b> of the <b>temporal lobe</b></li> <li>•Closely associated with 1 &amp; 2 auditory areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Comprehension</b><sup>1</sup> of auditory &amp; visual information, then project it to Broca's area via Arcuate fasciculus.</li> <li>•Interpretations<sup>2</sup> of <b>sensory experience</b>.</li> <li>•Formation of <b>thought</b> in response to sensory experience.</li> <li>•<b>Choice of words</b> to express thoughts.</li> </ul>
<b>2</b> <b>Broca's Area</b> (Brodmann's area 44 & 45)	At the lower end of <b>premotor area in frontal lobe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Process information received from Wernicke's area . area into <b>detailed &amp; co-ordinated</b> pattern for vocalization<sup>3</sup>.</li> <li>•Then project it to <b>motor cortex</b> to initiate the appropriate <b>movement of muscle of speech</b> in tongue, larynx &amp; lips.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> <b>Arcuate fasciculus</b>	Bundle of axons connecting Wernicke's area with Broca's area	<b>Conduction</b> between the two areas.
<b>4</b> <b>Angular Gyrus</b> (Brodmann's area 39)	Lies <b>behind Wernicke's area</b> fused posteriorly into the visual cortex of occipital lobe	Interpretation of information obtained from <b>reading from visual cortex</b> .

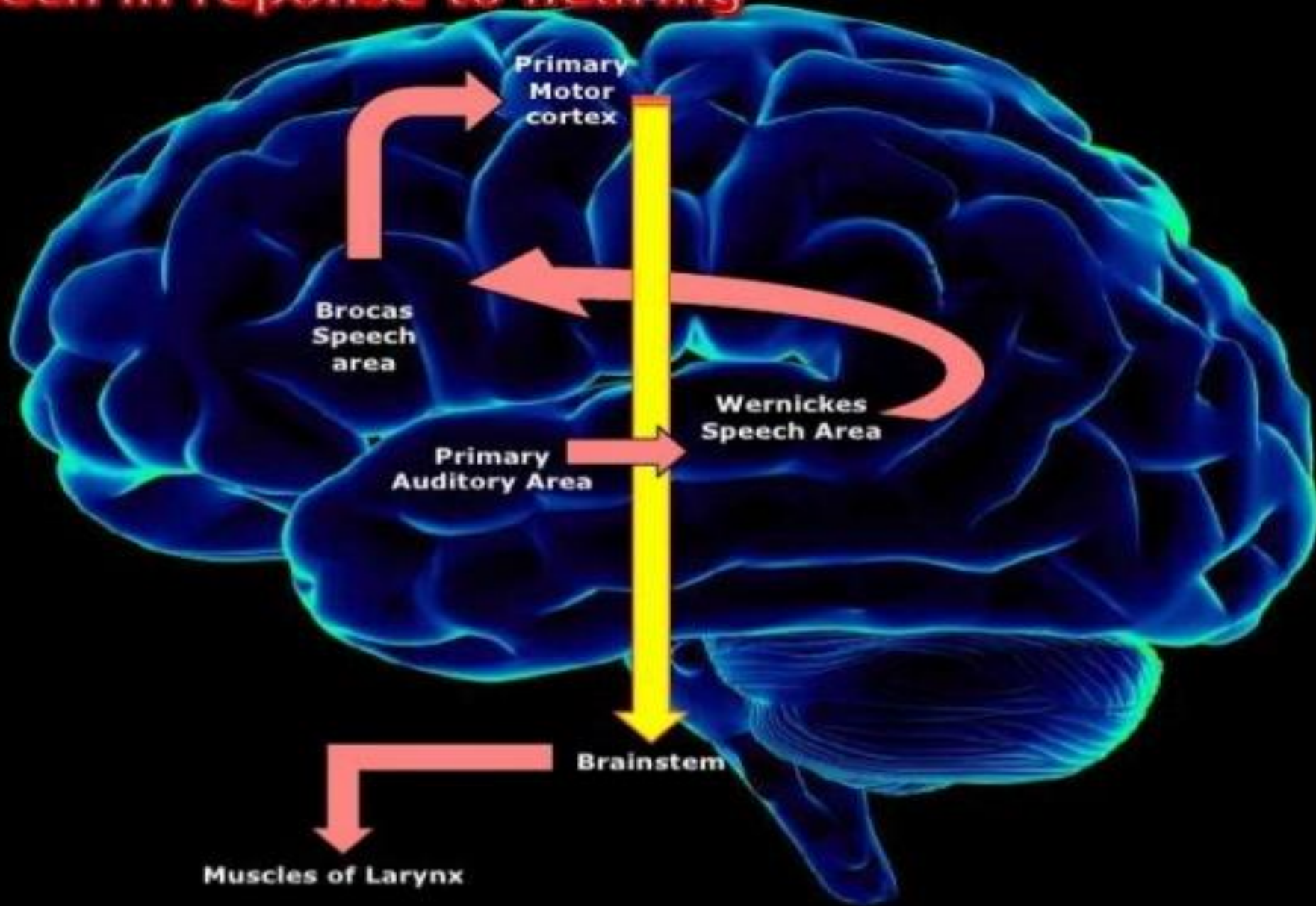
# NERVOUS CONTROL OF SPEECH

- Speech is an integrated and well coordinated motor phenomenon
- Parts of the cortex and sub cortical areas involved in production of speech
- Sub cortical areas concerned with speech are controlled by cortical areas of dominant hemisphere

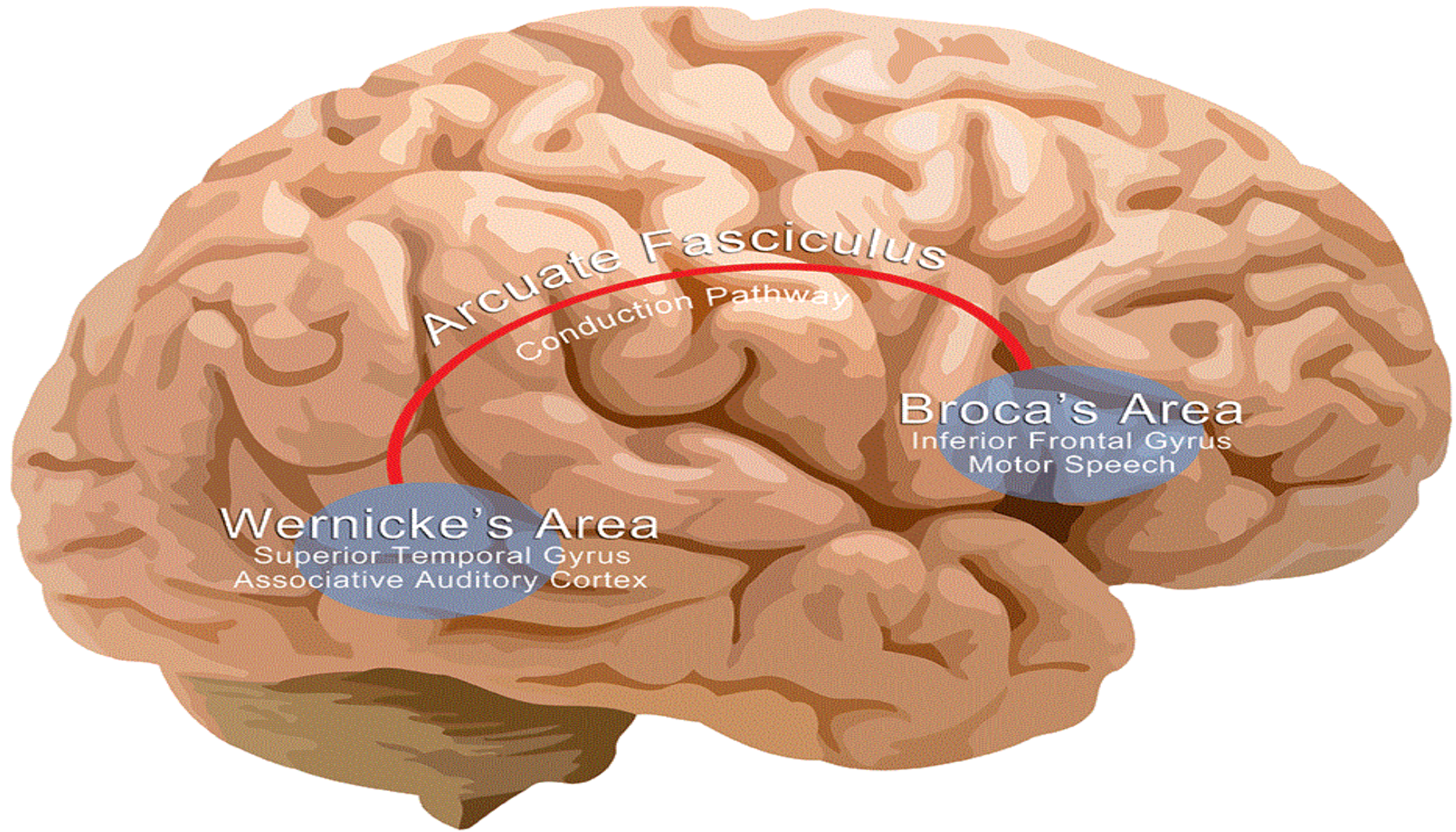




# Speech in response to hearing







Arcuate Fasciculus  
Conduction Pathway

Broca's Area  
Inferior Frontal Gyrus  
Motor Speech

Wernicke's Area  
Superior Temporal Gyrus  
Associative Auditory Cortex

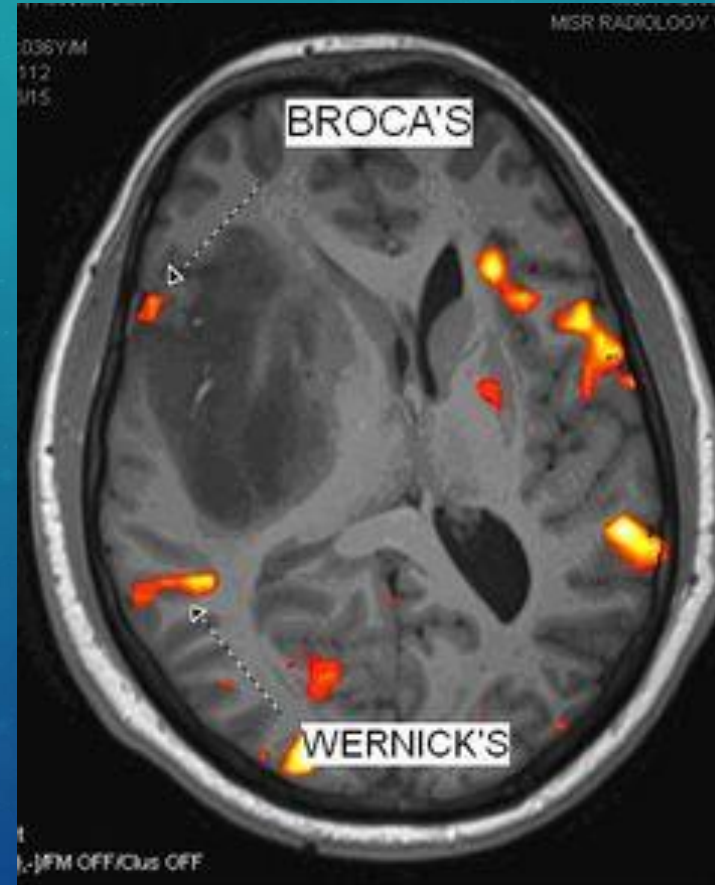


# The Wada Procedure

- A simple procedure to study the function of a single cerebral hemisphere
- Fast acting barbiturate is injected into the carotid artery on one side
  - Preferentially carried to the ipsilateral hemisphere
  - Acts as a short-term anesthetic
  - Limbs on the contralateral side become paralyzed
- Can then assess patients' ability to speak
  - If the injection is on the side dominant for speech, patient is completely unable to talk
  - Opposite side retains complete speech ability



# SPEECH PATHWAYS





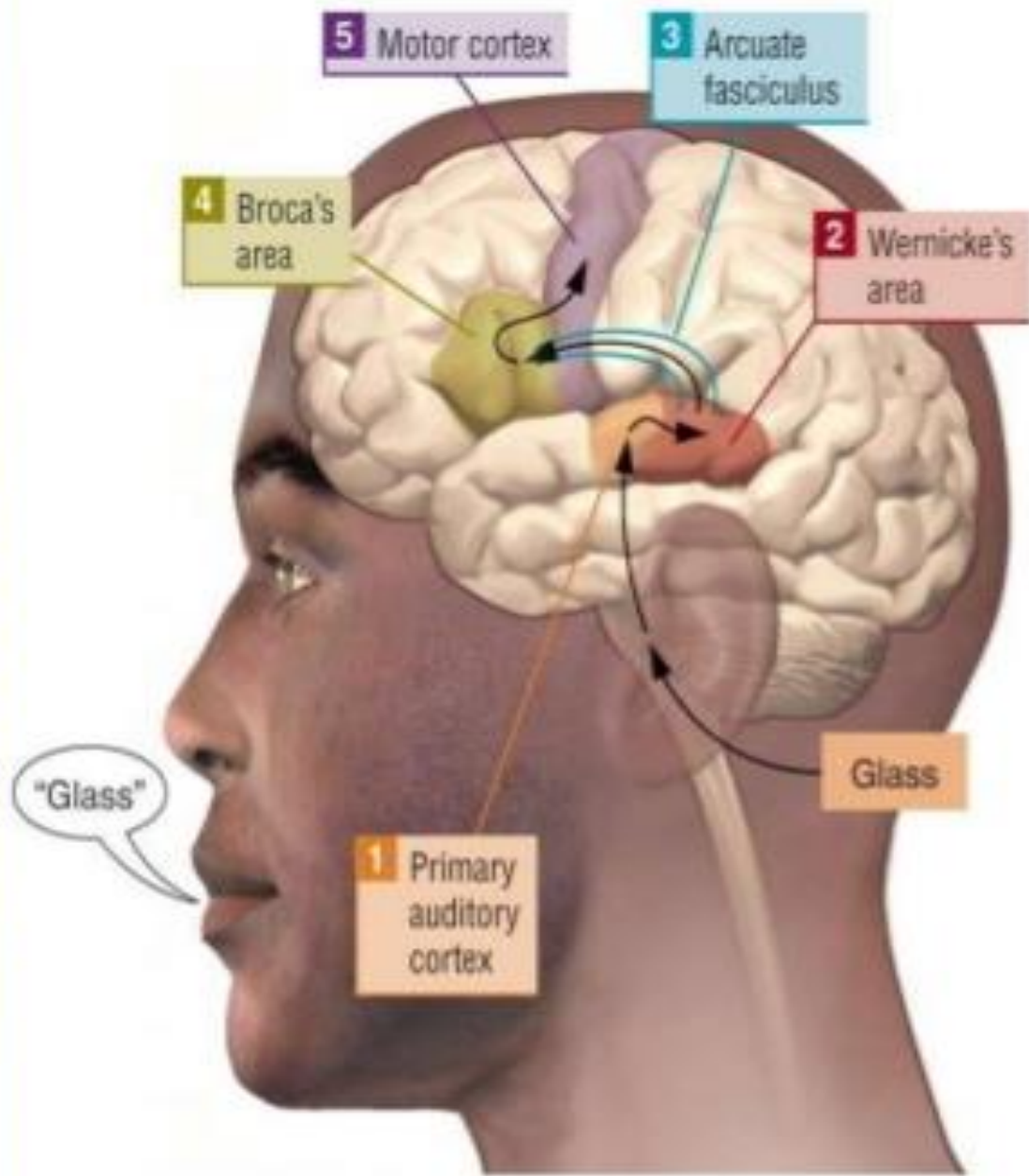
## TO REPEAT A WORD THAT YOU *HEAR* INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING PATHWAY:

- Action potentials from the ear reach the primary auditory cortex, where the word is perceived
- the word is recognized in the auditory association area and comprehended in portions of the sensory speech area.
- Action potentials representing the word are then conducted through nerve tracts that connect the sensory and motor speech areas.
- In the motor speech area, the muscle activity needed to repeat the word is determined.
- Action potentials then go to the premotor area, where the movements are programmed,
- and finally to the primary motor cortex, where specific movements are triggered.

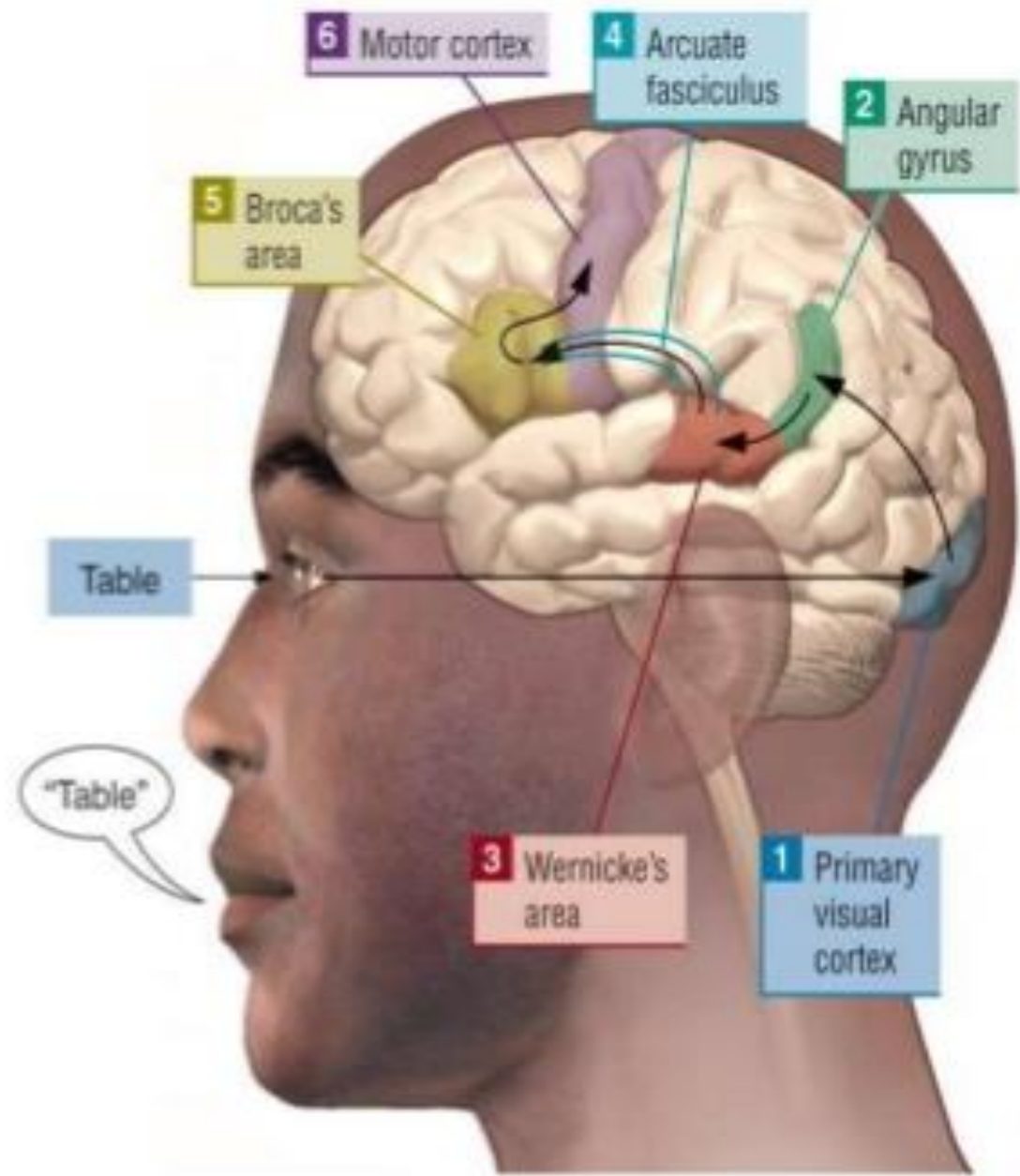
## SPEAKING A *WRITTEN* WORD INVOLVES A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT PATH-WAY:

- The information enters the visual cortex, then passes to the visual association area, where it is recognized.
- The information continues to the angular gyrus and then to the sensory speech area, where it is understood and formulated as it is to be spoken.
- From the sensory speech area, it follows the same route for repeating words that you hear: through nerve tracts to the motor speech area, to the premotor area, and then to the primary motor cortex.



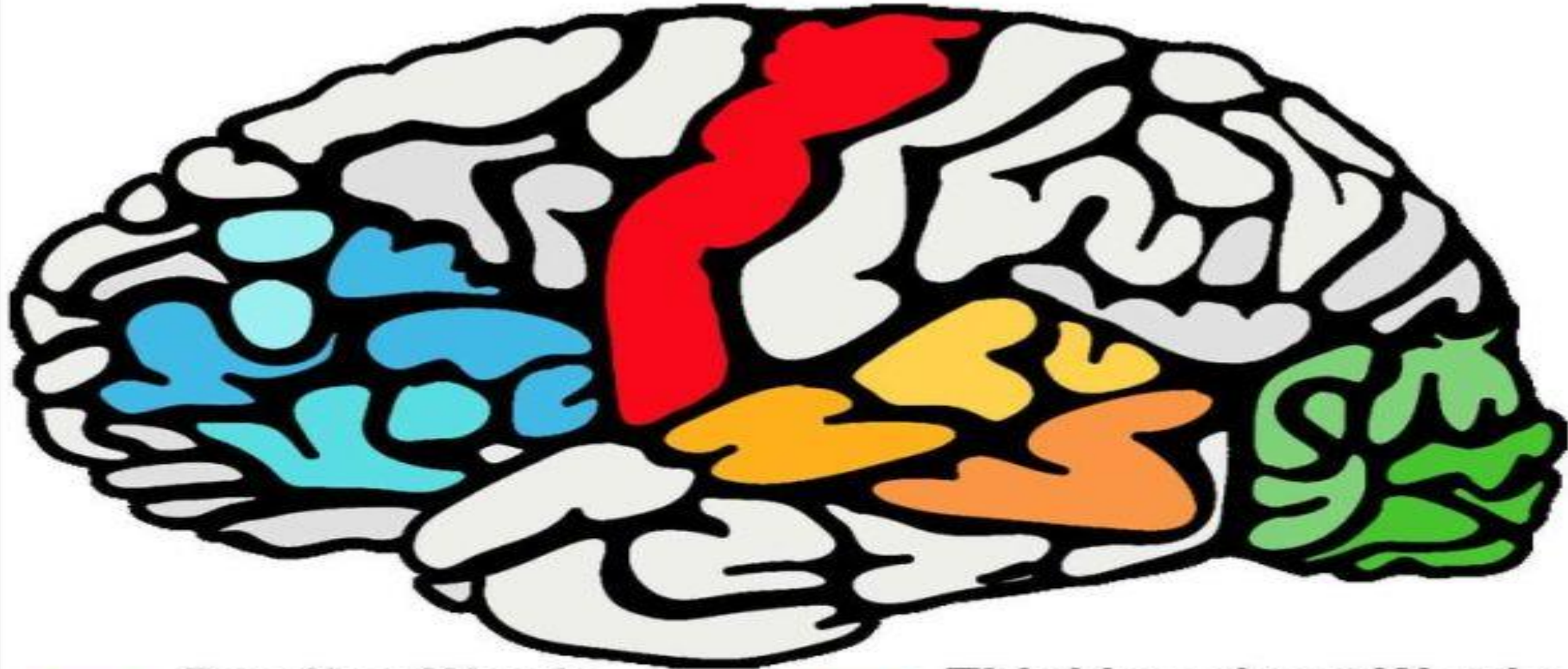



(a) Repeating a Spoken Word





(b) Reading a Word Out Loud

# WORDS AND THE BRAIN



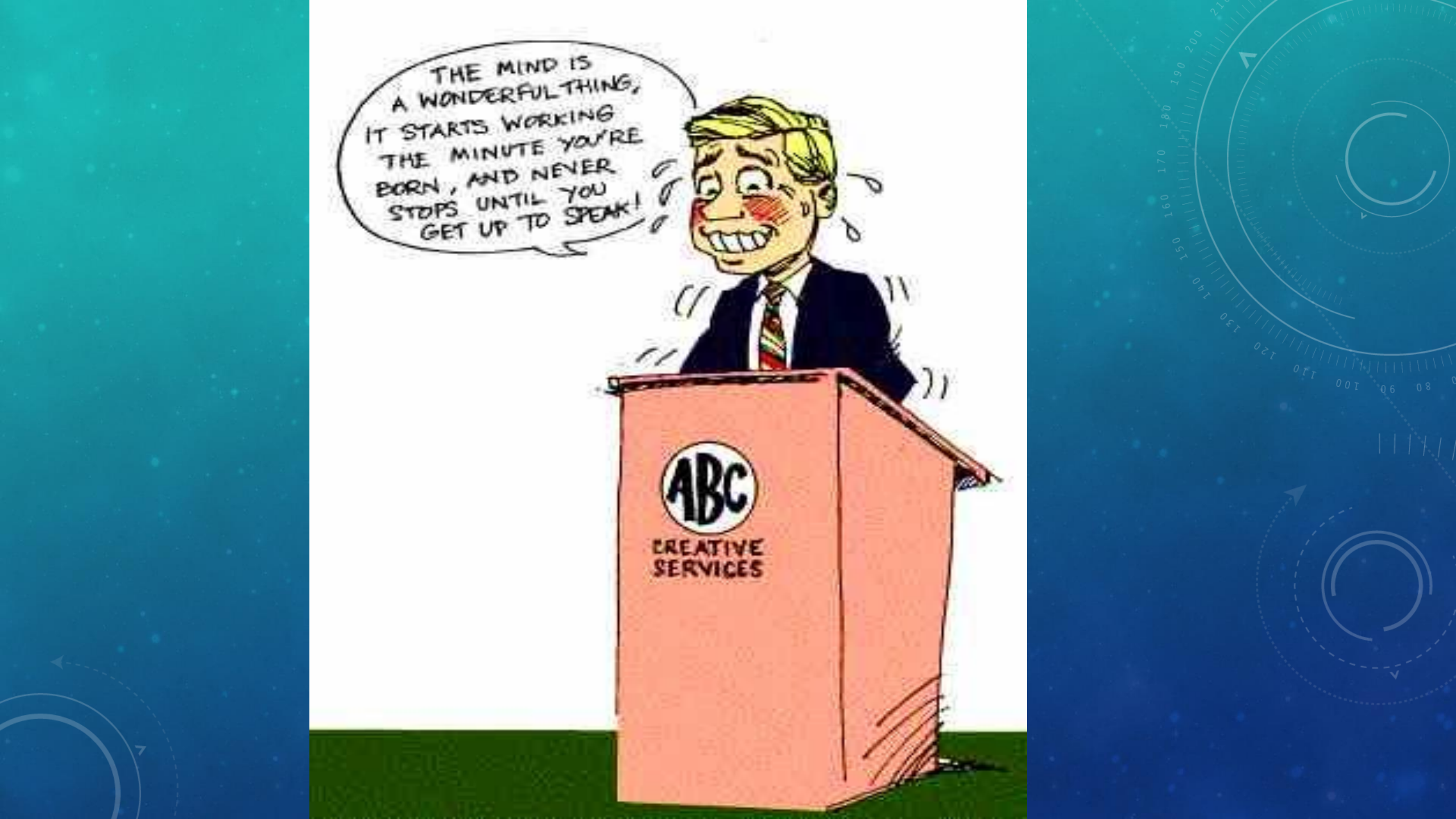
-  Reading Words (Occipital Lobe - Vision)
-  Hearing Words (Wernicke's Area - Language Comprehension)

-  Thinking about Words (Broca's Area - Language production)
-  Saying Words (Motor cortex)

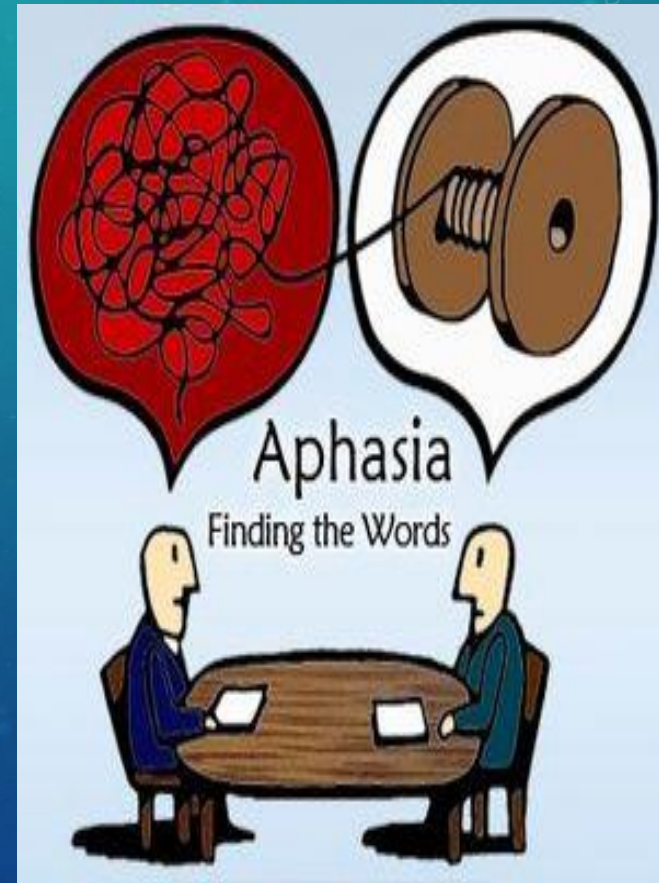
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THE MIND IS  
A WONDERFUL THING,  
IT STARTS WORKING  
THE MINUTE YOU'RE  
BORN, AND NEVER  
STOPS UNTIL YOU  
GET UP TO SPEAK!



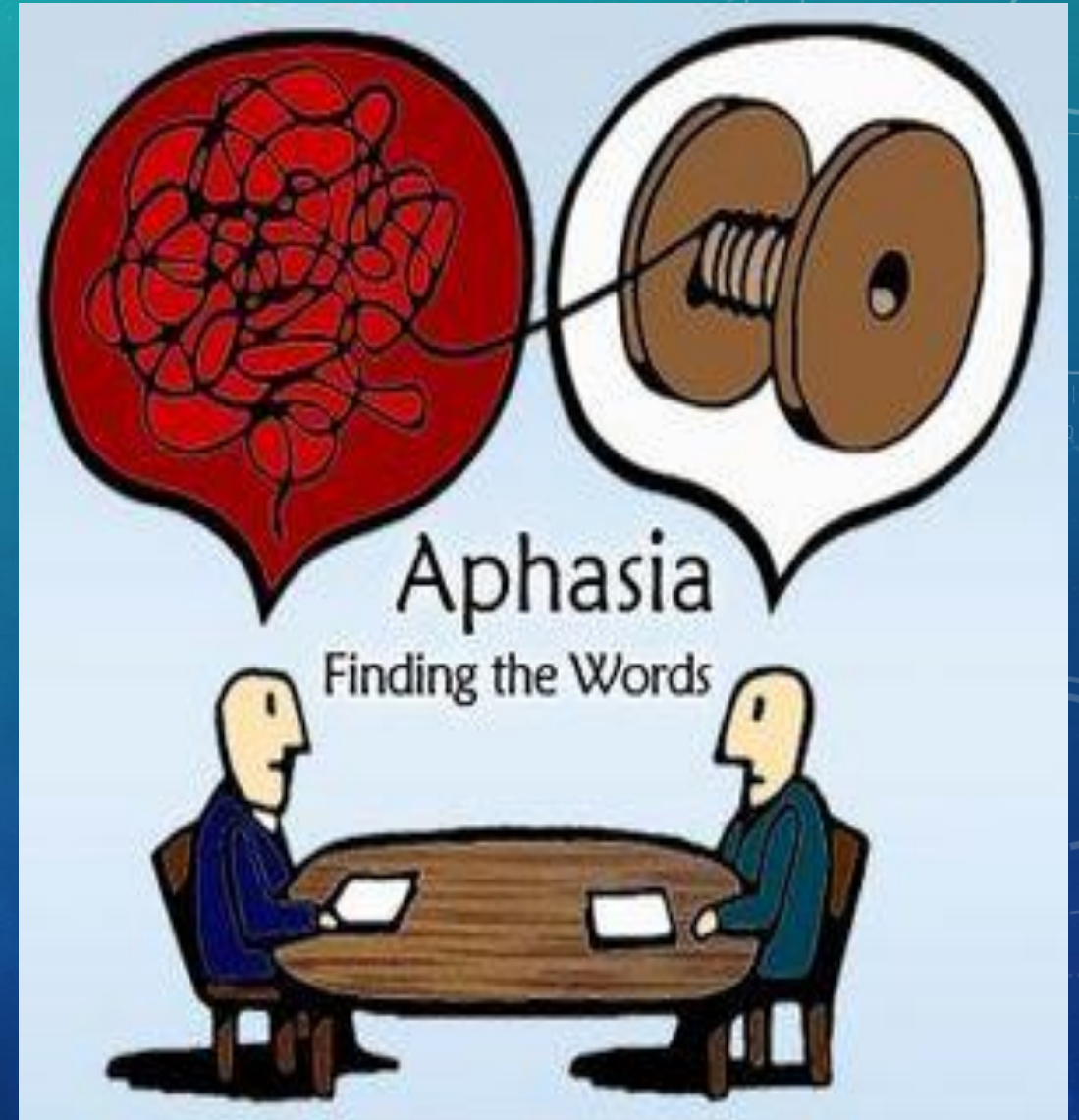
# DISORDERS OF SPEECH





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- Aphasia
- Dysarthria
- Dysphonia
- Stammering





# APHASIA

- Loss of or impairment of speech due to damage to the higher centres of brain
- Different types depending on the site of the lesion
- Cause is usually stroke, ischemic or hemorrhagic
- Other causes; brain trauma, demyelinating disorders etc



# TYPES OF APHASIA

## Broca's aphasia

- Damage to more anterior parts of the brain resulting in problems with spoken language.
- People feel foolish for not being able to make their point.

## Wernicke's aphasia

- Damage to more posterior areas resulting in language that is well articulated but meaningless.
- People may be unaware that they are not making sense and become angry with those who do not understand them.

## Global aphasia

- Combination of Broca's and Wernicke's aphasia.
- People will have severely impaired comprehension and limited speech, although they may have a single word or phrase that they use repeatedly.

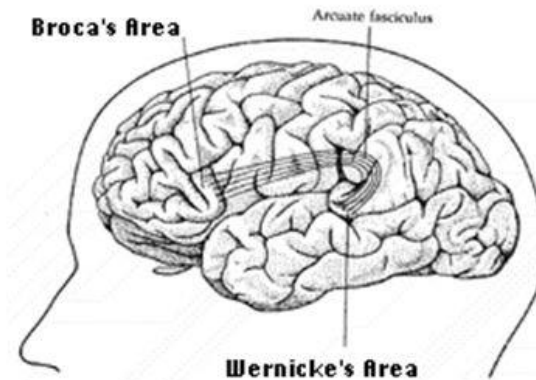
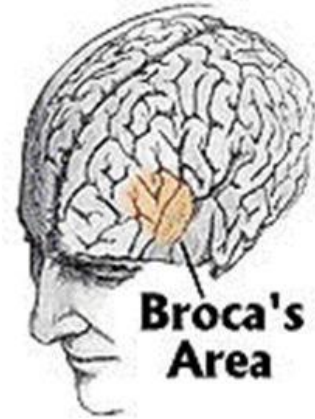
## Conduction aphasia

- Speech is relatively accurate and fluent but some words are replaced by similar-sounding nonsense words.

## Broca's aphasia

**Damage to Broca's area results in:**

- **slow labored speech**
- **little grammatical fluency**
  - omission of function words
  - omission of inflections
- **word finding difficulty**
- **comprehension may be impaired**



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[Brocas aphasia - YouTube](#)

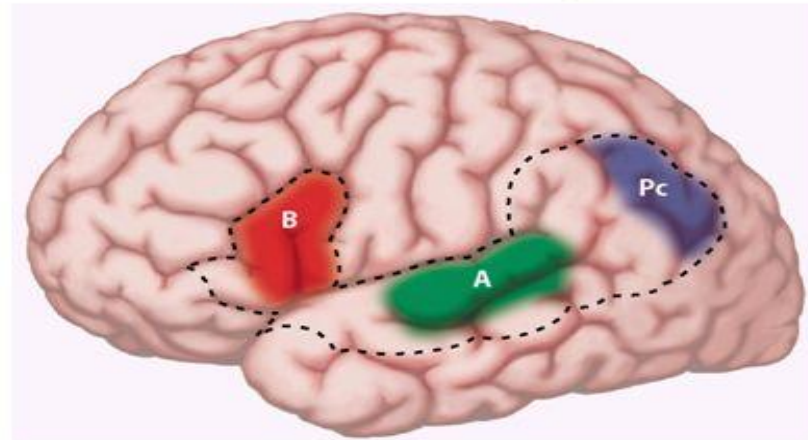
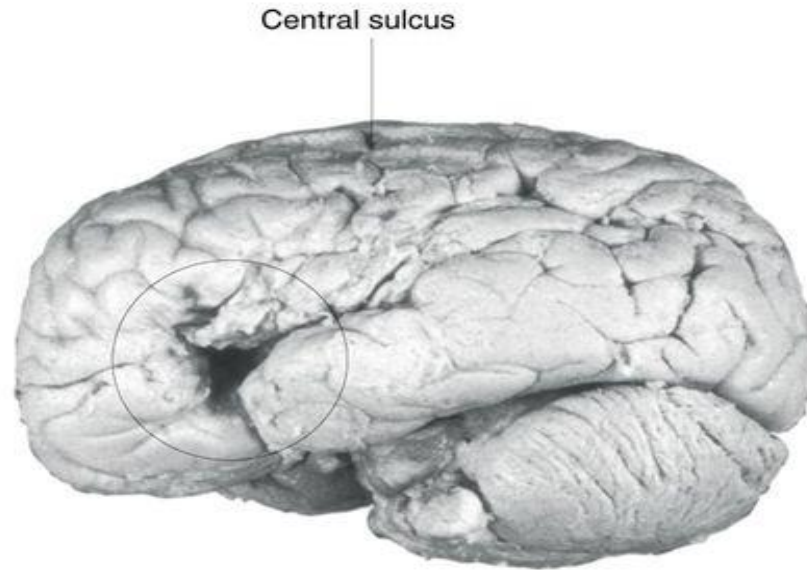


# Broca's Brain



Pierre Paul Broca  
(1824-1880)

Patient Tan's brain



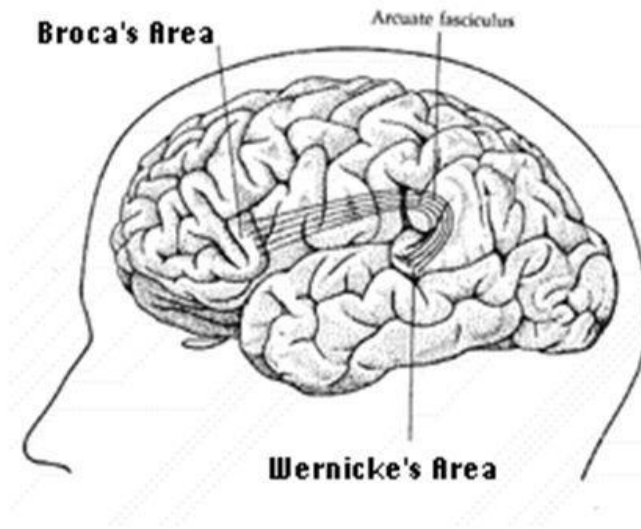
B = Broca's area of motor speech; A = sensory speech center of Wernicke;  
Pc = area concerned with language (after Wernicke)

# WERNICKE'S APHASIA

## Wernicke's aphasia

**Damage to Wernicke's area results in:**

- **Loss of meaningful messages**
  - **But fluent and grammatical**
  - **paraphasias or inappropriate words**
  - **neologisms - invented words**
- **language comprehension difficulty, especially with complex sentences**



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# GLOBAL APHASIA

- **Global aphasia** is a severe form of nonfluent **aphasia**
- caused by damage to the left side of the brain, that affects receptive and expressive language skills (needed for both written and oral language)
- as well as auditory and visual comprehension.
- Usually due to a middle cerebral artery lesion

# Wernicke's Aphasia Example

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- **Examiner:** What kind of work have you done?
  - **Patient:** We, the kids, all of us, and I, we were working for a long time in the ... you know ... it's the kind of space, I mean place rear to the spedawn ...
  - **Examiner:** Excuse me, but I wanted to know what work you have been doing.
  - **Patient:** If you had said that, we had said that, poomer, near the fortunate, porpunate, tamppoo, all around the fourth of martz. Oh, I get all confused.
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- **Broca's Aphasia**

- “Yes . . . Monday . . . Dad and Dick . . .  
Wednesday nine o'clock . . .ten o'clock doctors .  
. . and . . .teeth.” (Geschwind, 1980)

- **Wernicke's Aphasia**

- “Mother is away here working her work to get  
her better, but when she's looking the two  
boys looking in the other part. She's working  
another time.” (Geschwind, 1980)

# DYSARTHRIA

## DISORDERED ARTICULATION

Slurred speech.

Language is intact

Paralysis, slowing or incoordination of muscles of articulation or local discomfort causes various different patterns of dysarthria.

Examples

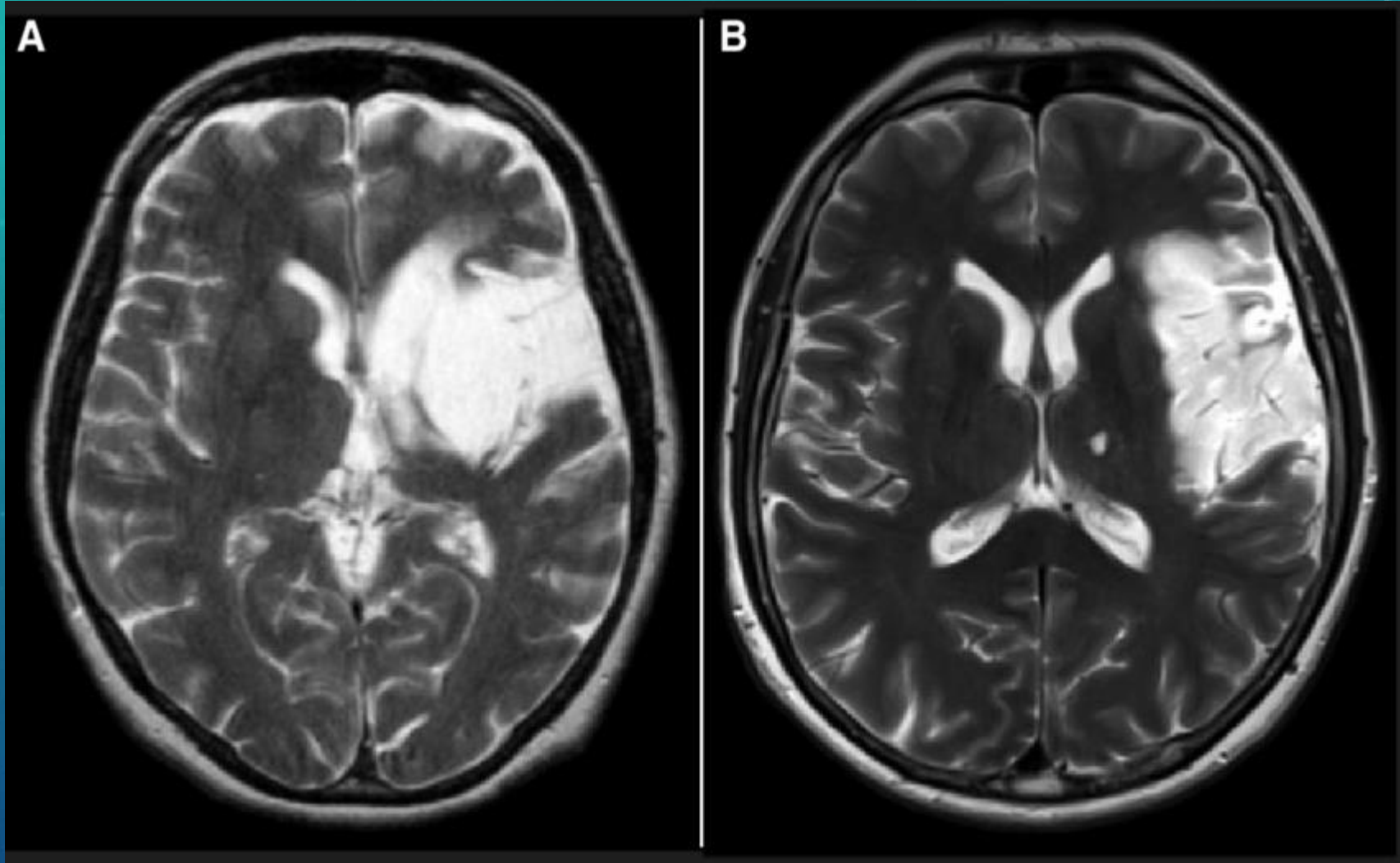
- 'gravelly' speech of upper motor neurone lesions of lower cranial nerves,
- jerky, ataxic speech of cerebellar lesions (Scanning Speech),
- the monotone of Parkinson's disease (Slurred),
- speech in myasthenia that fatigues and dies away. Many aphasic patients are also somewhat dysarthric.



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- **Left sided brain infarction or stroke with Broca's aphasia**

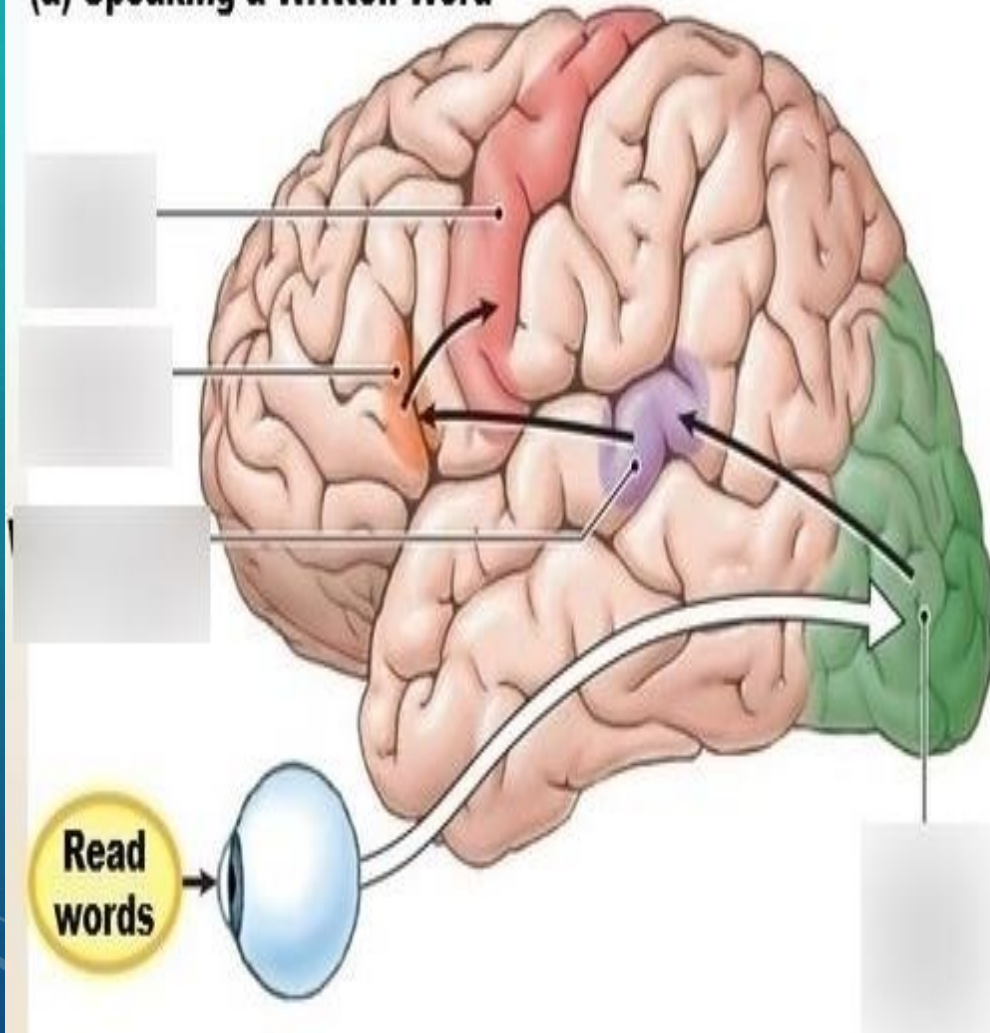




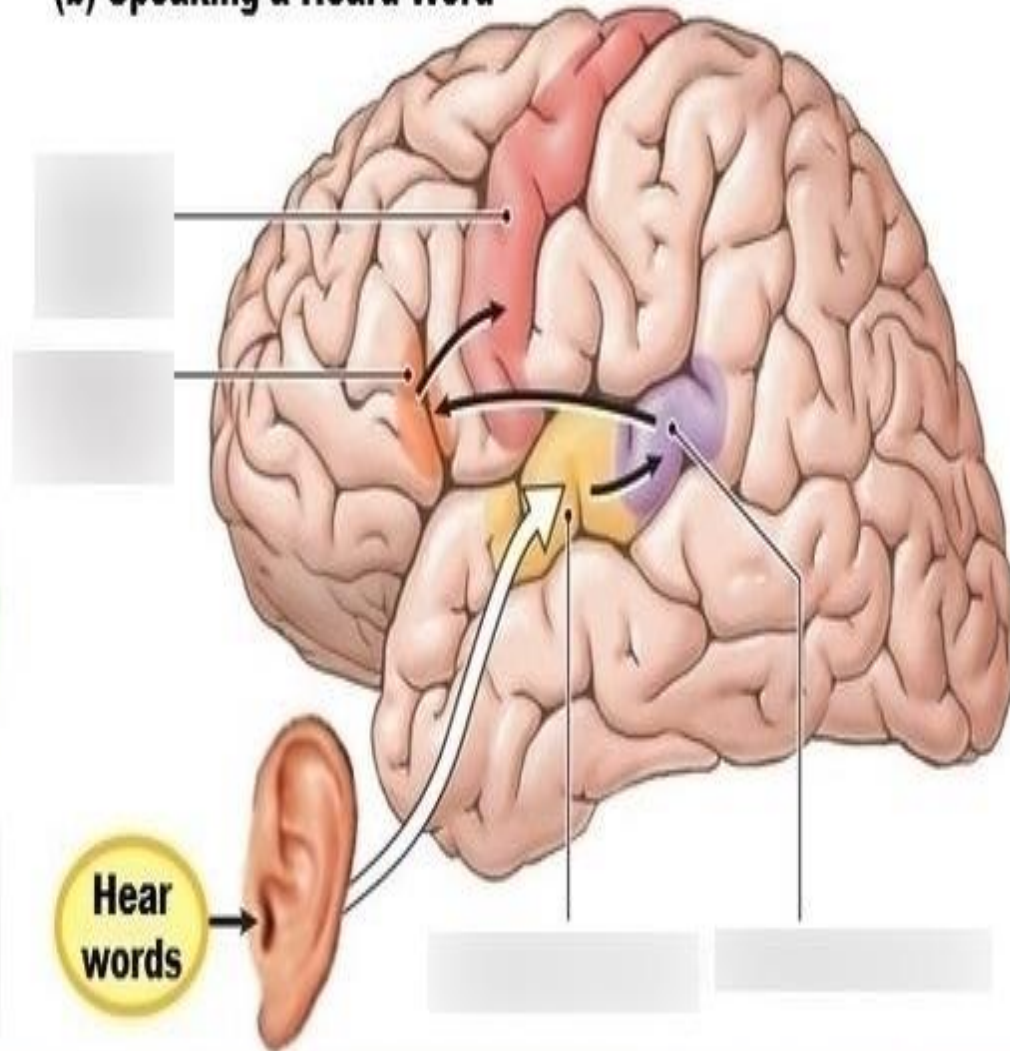


# Quiz time

(a) Speaking a Written Word



(b) Speaking a Heard Word



# STROKE SYMPTOMS

Remember, recognize and act fast



**F**

Face

drooping



**A**

Arm

weakness



**S**

Speech

difficulties



**T**

Time

to call



“Dad, guess what? I’ve got my first part in a play,” said the budding young actor. “I play the part of a man who has been married for 25 years.”

“That’s a good start, son,” replied the father. “Just keep at it and one of these days you’ll get a speaking part.”



The Prophet (s.a.w.) said,

“The most beloved of speech  
according to Allah (s.w.t.)  
is when the servant says,

‘Subhanallahi wa bihamdihi’

(How Transcendent is Allah  
and we praise him!).”

(Muslim)



# RECOMMENDED BOOKS

- Guyton and Hall
- Sherwood
- Sembalingum



*That's all Folks!*