

## Meet Peter

*A Communication Hub resource*

*(Gentle upbeat music)*

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*00:00:44,600 --> 00:00:50,320*

*I had a stroke four years ago at the age of 65.*

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*00:00:52,280 --> 00:01:02,360*

*Dysarthria makes slurred speech and it has totally changed my life.*

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*00:01:02,720 --> 00:01:07,920*

*I try to avoid social situations*

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*00:01:07,960 --> 00:01:14,840*

*because I can't talk and people can't understand me.*

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*00:01:15,720 --> 00:01:18,440*

*And I can't make phone calls;*

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*00:01:19,040 --> 00:01:23,120*

*I must pay someone to make phone calls for me.*

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*00:01:24,000 --> 00:01:31,440*

*I know exactly what I want to say but nobody can understand me.*

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00:01:32,440 --> 00:01:35,440

*When I meet someone for the first time,*

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00:01:35,440 --> 00:01:45,720

*first of all I warn them about my speech; they usually take that okay.*

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00:01:46,720 --> 00:01:56,840

*But I find myself having to repeat myself all the time, which is very tiring.*

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00:02:00,440 --> 00:02:03,120

*People tend to assume,*

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00:02:03,120 --> 00:02:09,360

*if you have a speech problem, you are mentally deficient.*

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00:02:10,520 --> 00:02:15,760

*One of my pet hates with dysarthria is when people*

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00:02:16,720 --> 00:02:23,240

*pretend to understand me when they obviously can't;*

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00:02:23,760 --> 00:02:25,720

*it feels so patronising.*

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00:02:29,920 --> 00:02:36,000

*I would appreciate it if speech pathologists could help*

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00:02:36,000 --> 00:02:44,920

*more with dysarthria because it has totally ruined my life.*

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