The use of SCA™ (Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia) is dependent upon an individual having a reliable way to answer a Yes/No question. This response does not need to be a spoken “Yes” or “No.”

Some individuals with aphasia may not be able to produce a verbal “Yes” or “No” reliably, but may be able to indicate a response through other means. A head movement (nodding/shaking), a hand gesture (thumbs up/thumbs down), or a pointing response to a written form of Yes/No can all be useful and valid responses.

The Yes/No/? Card (pictured above) was designed to allow the individual with aphasia to point, if they are able, to a written form of Yes and No. The ? is also included to allow for an ‘other’; ‘not sure’; or ‘maybe’ response. Wrong Track is provided in case the conversation has gone in the wrong direction.

For people with aphasia, the Yes/No/? Card can be used whenever a conversation partner needs to ask a Yes/No question. It is recommended that the conversation partner points to the words as they ask for a pointing response. It is sometimes recommended that the question be asked more than once. To verify an unclear verbal response, the conversation partner can redirect the person with aphasia to the card and ask them to point to the Yes or No or ? or Wrong Track choice.