

# The AWE (Aphasia Walkthrough Evaluation) Method

## Method

1. Select 3 typical tasks to perform.
2. There should be two people doing the evaluation: one person doing the walkthrough and the other is a scribe.
3. Video the session.
4. Walkthrough, and talk through the task, step by step. At each step /screen:
  - i) make a note of the step and describe what happens.
  - ii) discuss which guidelines are conformed/not conformed to.
  - iii) use the guideline colour scheme to highlight the notes
  - iv) make typical/likely mistakes; explore what happens if a mistake is made.
5. Consider all pathways through the site/program.
6. At the end: collate an overall summary from the notes re how/where the site conforms/does not conform to each guideline.
7. Get an informal opinion from an aphasia expert who has experience of people with aphasia using the site/program. What is their view? Contrast this with 6.

Colour key:

Minimise distractions	Keep actions direct	Minimise language	Minimise Interaction	Let users control the pace	Provide prompts	Show what's happening	Give clear feedback	Be consistent
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## Results

### Sample task:

ACTIONS	NOTES

### Evaluation summary:

Good points:

Bad points:

Aphasia Expert view: