

ABSTRACT

The diploma thesis is focused on the topic Living with aphasia in adulthood. It is divided into theoretical and practical part. The author of the thesis tries to find out how aphasics manage to return to normal life with the help of professional care. The theoretical part of the diploma thesis analyses the overall issues of the life of aphasics. It deals with the characteristics of aphasia, the holistic conception of human, the processes of coping with this diagnosis, therapy. The practical part includes analysis of data obtained from individual in-depth interviews with people who have personal experience with aphasia, their family members and from interviews with their treating professionals. It deals with qualitative research of a speech therapy. The results of the research showed that not all aphasics manage to return to the life they were used to before their diagnosis, despite attending comprehensive rehabilitation. The measure and degree of brain damage affects their return to normal life.

KEYWORDS

aphasia, holistic conception of human, communication of unfavourable diagnosis, phases of psychological response, speech therapy, return to normal life

