

What are the signs and symptoms of dementia?

People with dementia do not always have the same symptoms. Different types of dementia can have different symptoms. Other people may see signs and changes that you don't notice. The early symptoms that many people with dementia get are described below.

If you are worried about any changes in yourself or someone you are close to, see your GP. For support, call Alzheimer's Society on 0333 150 3456.

Memory loss

- You might have problems remembering things that happened recently. You might easily remember things from a long time ago.
- You might repeat things out loud. You might ask the same question over and over.

Difficulty thinking things through and planning

- You might have problems concentrating, understanding new ideas or solving problems.
- You might find daily tasks difficult, like following a recipe or checking your bank account.

Problems with language

- You might not be able to find the right word.
- You might not be able to follow a conversation.

Being confused about time or place

- You might lose track of the time or date, or which day it is.
- You might not know where you are, even in a place you know well.

Seeing things differently

- You might have problems judging distances (for example, on the stairs).
- You might see patterns or reflections in mirrors that look like something else.

Mood changes or difficulties controlling emotions

- You might become more anxious, sad, frightened, irritable or easily upset.
- You might lose interest in things and lose confidence.
- Your personality may change.



Factsheet 400, **What is dementia?** has more information. To read it, go to alzheimers.org.uk/what-is-dementia. For more information about our helpsheets, go to alzheimers.org.uk/helpsheets



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