6. New Problems with Words in Speaking or Writing
People with Alzheimer’s may have trouble following or joining a conversation. They may stop in the middle of a conversation and have no idea how to continue or they may repeat themselves. They may struggle with vocabulary, have problems finding the right word or call things by the wrong name (e.g., calling a “watch” a “hand-clock”).

**Typical age-related change:** Sometimes having trouble finding the right word.

7. Misplacing Things and Loss of Ability to Retrace Steps
A person with Alzheimer’s disease may put things in unusual places. They may lose things and be unable to go back over their steps to find them again. Sometimes, they may accuse others of stealing. This may occur more frequently over time.

**Typical age-related change:** Misplacing things from time to time and retracing steps to find them.

8. Decreased or Poor Judgment
People with Alzheimer’s may experience changes in judgment or decision-making. For example, they may use poor judgment when dealing with money, giving large amounts to telemarketers. They may pay less attention to grooming or keeping themselves clean.

**Typical age-related change:** Making a bad decision once in a while.

9. Withdrawal from Work or Social Activities
A person with Alzheimer’s may start to remove themselves from hobbies, social activities, work projects or sports. They may have trouble keeping up with a favorite sports team or remembering how to complete a favorite hobby. They may also avoid being social because of the changes they have experienced.

**Typical age-related change:** Sometimes feeling weary of work, family, or social obligations.

10. Changes in Mood or Personality
The mood and personalities of people with Alzheimer’s can change. They can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful or anxious. They may be easily upset at home, at work, with friends or in places where they are out of their comfort zone.

**Typical age-related change:** Developing very specific ways of doing things and becoming irritable when a routine is disrupted.