Skill memory relates to behavior that we’ve practiced. We’ll use the example of playing the piano:

- A survivor’s inability to play may relate to physical challenges, like the loss of motor control in their fingers or lost sensation that prevents them from being aware of where exactly their fingers are, which key a particular finger is touching.
- Apraxia may prevent them from organizing the movement of their fingers up and down.
- The stroke may have affected their ability to generate the right pattern to play the keys in the right order.

These issues may look like memory loss, but they are not and may respond to therapy. Talk with your doctor or therapist about your situation. It may be that you have problems with some other cognitive, sensory or motor function or a combination.