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Examples of font styles and sizes

When adapting documents for CYP with vision impairments it is important to use a font style and size that it bold, clear and well contrasted with the background.

Consider the following:
Easy to read *Difficult to read*

These text types are the same size but one is much clearer.
In body copy, bold type and italics should only be used sparingly, for emphasis, as it can be difficult to read in large amounts.

The text should be aligned to the left margin. The uneven right-hand margin allows the eye to track more easily to the next line.

Text is easier to read when broken up into short paragraphs with plenty of space.

Use 1.5 or double spacing between one line and the next.

Sharply contrasting colours are much clearer, black text on white or black on yellow provide the clearest combinations.

Arial font size 12 standard

Arial font size 12 bold

Arial font size 14 standard

Arial font size 14 bold

Arial font size 18 standard

Arial font size 18 bold

Arial font size 20 standard

Arial font size 20 bold

Arial font size 24 standard

Arial font size 24 bold

Comic sans font sized 12 standard
Comic sans font sized 12 bold

Comic sans font sized 14 standard
Comic sans font sized 14 bold

Comic sans font sized 18 standard
Comic sans font sized 18 bold

Comic sans font sized 20 standard
Comic sans font sized 20 bold

Comic sans font sized 24 standard
Comic sans font sized 24 bold