Use the following guidelines to help make print more legible for those with vision loss.

**Print Size**
At a minimum, use 16-point font, although 18- or 24-point may be preferred. Changing the font on a computer is easy. Here are some examples of fonts in various sizes:

This is Arial 16-point font.
This is Courier 16-point font.
This is Arial 18-point font.
This is Courier 18-point font.
This is Arial 24-point font.
This is Courier 24-point font.

**Font Type and Style**
The goal of font selection is to use easily recognizable characters.

- Use sans serif fonts, such as Arial or APH font (available online through www.aph.org.)
- Avoid decorative fonts, italics, and all-capital-letter text.
- Try monospaced fonts, such as Courier, where each character is the same width.
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- Try bold type because the thickness of the letters may make the print more legible.
- Limit the use of graphics with print.

**Contrast**

Contrast is critical to reading print. Print text with the best possible contrast. Light lettering, such as white or light yellow, on a dark background may be easier to read than black lettering on a white or light-yellow background. To enhance print contrast, use a black underlay or a yellow acrylic overlay.

Also, try using a typoscope, which brackets the material you want to read.

Typoscopes can be obtained through the specialty catalogs listed at visionaware.org/GShelpfulproducts.

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**Increase Leading (Space Between Lines of Text)**
The recommended spacing between lines of text is 1.5, rather than single-spaced. This can make it easier to distinguish between lines of text.

**Increase Tracking (Space Between Letters)**
Text with letters very close together can make reading difficult. Use a monospaced font such as Courier, which allocates an equal amount of space for each letter.

**Widen Margins**
Many low vision devices, such as stand magnifiers and video magnification systems, are easiest to use on a flat surface. An extra-wide binding margin makes it easier to hold the material flat. A minimum of one inch should be used; one and a half inches is preferable.

**Improve Lighting**
Good, directed task lighting can greatly enhance the ability to read. To find out more about lighting and products that can make reading easier for people with low vision, visit visionaware.org/GSlighting.

For more information on print readability, visit visionaware.org/GSprintreadability.

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