

# Guide to Creating Dyslexia Friendly Content



Fonts, colors and text styling tips that will help make your web text easier to read for Dyslexic users

## Suitable fonts

- **Sans serif fonts** are most suitable to use because their letters are less crowded.
- Two of the best to use are **Arial** and **Comic Sans**, but **Verdana, Tahoma, Century Gothic, Trebuchet, Calibri** and **Open Sans** are also suitable alternatives.
- **Font size** should be at least **12-14 point** as larger text is easier to read.
- **Use bold for emphasis** instead of **italics** and **underlining** as this can make text appear to run together.



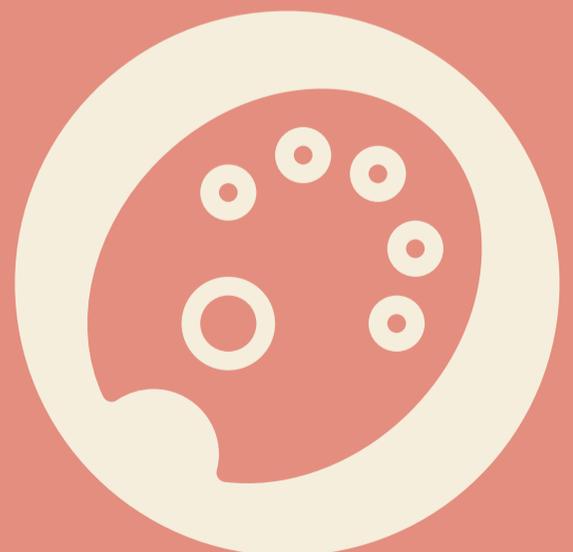
## Suitable colors



- Use **single color backgrounds** for text and avoid distracting images and patterns.
- Avoid putting **black text on white a background** if possible as this can dazzle dyslexic readers. Consider using **cream or off-white** instead.
- **Pastel colors** such as **peach, orange, yellow or blue** are also suitable.
- Avoid **green, red and pink** backgrounds for text as these will be difficult for people with color deficiencies to read.

## Extra styling tips

- **Text headings** should be at least **20% larger than normal text** to help make them more distinctive.
- For web text, ensure **hyperlinked text** looks different from normal text.
- Try to break up 'walls' of text with various formatting options, such as **different text alignments, indents and lists** (e.g. bullet pointing and numbering).
- Try to **avoid multiple columns** of text.
- Use **shorter sentences and paragraphs**.



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