

Preferred font for visually impaired people

The “point” is the usual unit for measuring the size of fonts.

- Regular print is usually 10 or 12 point and may even be slightly smaller than this in some newspapers.
- Clear print is usually 14 point.
- Large print is significantly bigger – 16 point or higher – and this may be large enough for people who have some useful sight, but who struggle to read regular print.
- We also use the term “giant print” to refer to anything larger than 18 point size

If you’re thinking of producing material in large print for someone, check with them first to see what size of font they are comfortable reading. Some people may even prefer audio for very long documents or books. You might also want to consider using a font that is more legible.

When it has been established which point size is the most favourable for the individual it should be recorded on their record for future correspondence.

Ask the individual which is the print that can be read easily:

This is point 10, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 12, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 14, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 16, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 18, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 20, can you read this comfortably?

This is point 22, can you read this comfortably?