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Making Windows easier on the eyes: dark mode, Night light, text size and Magnifier

Windows has built-in settings to make the screen more comfortable, whether you want bigger text, a warmer colour in the evening or the screen read aloud.

Dark mode

- Windows 11: **Settings, Personalisation, Colours**, then **Choose your mode** and pick **Dark**.
- Windows 10: **Settings, Personalisation, Colours**, then **Choose your colour** and pick **Dark**.

It changes Windows and many apps, but not all websites.

Night light

This makes the screen warmer and less blue at night. Open **Settings, System, Display**, then **Night light**. Switch it on, and open **Night light settings** to choose a schedule and strength. The same setting is in Windows 10 and 11.

Bigger text

- Windows 11: **Settings, Accessibility, Text size**. Slide the bar and click **Apply**.
- Windows 10: **Settings, Ease of Access, Display, Make text bigger**.

To make everything bigger, including icons, use **Scale** in **Settings, System, Display**. This is covered in our scaling guide.

Windows 11: **Settings, Accessibility, Mouse pointer and touch**. Windows 10: **Settings, Ease of Access, Cursor & pointer**. Pick a size and colour that is easy to see.

Magnifier

Press **Windows key + Plus (+)** to zoom in, and **Windows key + Minus (-)** to zoom out. Press **Windows key + Esc** to close it. You can set it up in **Settings, Accessibility, Magnifier**, or **Ease of Access** in Windows 10.

Narrator

Narrator reads out what is on screen. Press **Windows key + Ctrl + Enter** to turn it on and off. It is helpful if you have sight problems, but needs some practice, so try it when you are not in a hurry.

In the same **Accessibility** area (**Ease of Access** in Windows 10), you can find **Colour filters** and **Contrast themes**, which help with colour blindness and glare.

When to get more help

Get in touch if text is still hard to read, if a setting you changed has made the screen unusable, or if you would like help choosing accessibility tools for a family member.

Still stuck? Email admin@visiontech336.com and tell us what you can see on the screen. Menus and button names can differ slightly between versions and makes. If something does not match, stop and ask rather than guess. Please never send passwords or card details.