Make Your Phone Easier to Read

Small, reversible changes for text, display, sound and input.

Read a sentence

Find the controls

Know the way back

iPhone: iOS 26 | Android: 13-16

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1. Start with one small change

You do not need to learn your whole phone today. Choose one thing that is making it awkward: the words are small, the screen feels crowded, a sound is hard to distinguish, or typing is uncomfortable. Work on that one thing, then stop and compare.

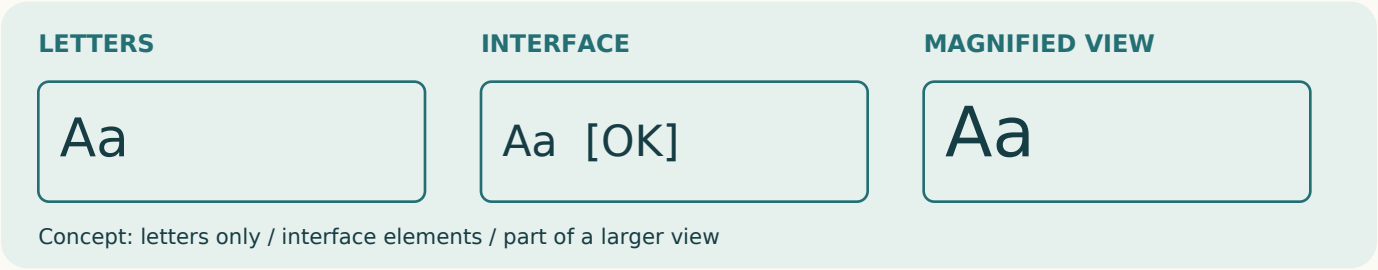
This guide covers iPhone with iOS 26 and Android 13-16 using Google's general Android instructions. Android 16-only features are marked. Manufacturer menus, installed keyboards, languages and managed-device restrictions can differ. It is not a claim that every model has every option. Earlier or later systems are outside this edition's verified scope: use the manufacturer's guide for your exact version instead of guessing. Apple pages were opened with the iOS 26 selector, not treated as timeless instructions.

These are documentation-verified directions, not results of hands-on phone testing. The drawings explain decisions and gestures; they are original instructional diagrams, not screenshots or proof of a device test. Menu labels appear in English. Translated phones may use different wording.

Keep this guide on paper or another screen if possible. Before changing anything, note the current setting on the private card in Section 10. Do not record a passcode, password, account number or message content. If you need help, ask a trusted person to explain while you make the taps. You can stop at any point.

Read the iPhone pages or the Android pages, not both. Sound and input have their own pages. A larger font, a larger display and magnification solve different problems. None is automatically the best choice for everyone.

2. Choose the right kind of change



Concept: letters only / interface elements / part of a larger view

TEXT SIZE changes the size of letters in supported content. DISPLAY SIZE or DISPLAY ZOOM enlarges more of the interface, such as controls. MAGNIFICATION enlarges a portion or view of the screen and requires a way to move around and exit. You may see less content at once when things become larger.

Start with text if sentences are difficult to read but the buttons are easy to find. Consider display size if the surrounding controls are also too small. Try magnification only after learning its exit gesture. Bold text is a separate comparison: heavier letters may be more useful than another size increase.

Use a harmless, familiar sample for comparison. For example, open a note containing “The blue cup is beside the window.” Look at the whole sentence and the button you would use to return. After a change, answer three questions: Can I read it more easily? Can I still find the controls? Is anything hidden or cut off? Keep the change only if the overall result suits you.

Fictional example: Jo enlarges the letters until a note is comfortable, but the bottom control becomes harder to find. Jo moves back one step and tries bold text instead. That is a useful result, not a failure. The objective is a workable screen, not the largest possible number.

3. iPhone: larger or bolder text

For iOS 26: open Settings, then Accessibility, then Display & Text Size. Choose Larger Text and adjust its slider. If the range is insufficient, enable Larger Accessibility Sizes. To compare heavier lettering, return to Display & Text Size and enable Bold Text. These text-size preferences apply to supported apps, not every picture or every item in every app. [A]

Make only one adjustment at a time. Read the sample sentence again, then open a second familiar app. Notice whether lines wrap more, whether the keyboard remains usable, and whether a button has moved below the visible area. Scroll slowly rather than assuming a button has vanished.

Undo: return to the same setting and move the size slider back to the position you noted. Turn Bold Text or Larger Accessibility Sizes back off if you enabled it and do not want it. Do not use Reset All Settings or erase the phone to undo a display experiment.

If a menu name does not match, stop at that point. Check the selected software version in Apple's guide or ask the phone's official support service. A nearby setting with a similar name is not necessarily the same setting.

Small practice: compare the same sentence before and after one change. You do not need to send a message, sign in anywhere, or reveal your private notes. Finish by returning to a familiar screen.

4. iPhone: enlarge the interface

For iOS 26: open Settings, then Display & Brightness, then Display Zoom. Select Larger Text, tap Done, and choose Use Zoomed. This is distinct from the temporary accessibility Zoom feature. The standard Text Size slider and Bold Text switch also appear under Display & Brightness. [B]

Before confirming Display Zoom, read any on-screen confirmation. After it applies, inspect a familiar app's top and bottom controls. A larger interface can mean more scrolling. Do not assume that every app will rearrange itself equally well.

Undo: return to Display Zoom, choose the previous option you recorded and follow the confirmation shown on your phone. The exact confirmation can depend on the device. If the expected choices are absent, do not improvise through unrelated settings; consult the official page for your version.

You can finish here. This guide does not ask you to enable VoiceOver, Switch Control or an unfamiliar multi-finger gesture mode. Those tools can be valuable, but learning their navigation and recovery belongs in a separate, supported session.

Fictional example: Mei can now locate controls, but a favourite app has a crowded panel. Mei records the app name, returns the display option to its earlier setting and keeps the text-size change. A problem in one app does not prove you chose the wrong phone or did something wrong.

5. Android: text and display size

Font size: letters	→	Read + find controls + exit
Display size: interface	→	Read + find controls + exit

Choose one lane, then compare the result in two familiar apps.

For Android 13-16: open Settings and use its search to find Font size. Move the slider a little and examine the preview. Search for Display size if you also want larger interface elements. Google's guide notes that font-size changes do not affect some apps. For heavier letters, go to Accessibility, then Display size and text, and enable Bold text if present. [C]

Undo: move the relevant slider back to your recorded position, or switch Bold text off. Some devices offer Reset settings within the display-size/text panel. That restores those preferences to device defaults, not necessarily your own previous choices. Avoid the phone's general reset menu. [C]

Try one slider, not both together. Compare the sample sentence and the controls in two familiar apps. If only one app remains difficult, check that app's own official help for reading or display options. Do not install a “font fixer” from an advertisement.

Android 16 adds Outline text in the Display size and text panel; Android 15 and below use high-contrast text instead. Availability and labels can vary. Try the available option only if wanted and turn the same switch off to undo. [C]

6. Android: magnification with an exit

ENTER → **MOVE** → **EXIT**

Your shortcut → Two-finger drag → Same shortcut

Practise the exit before reading a long passage.

Optional, Android 13-16: Settings > Accessibility > Magnification. Enable Magnification shortcut and choose the accessibility-button option if offered. Locate that button before starting; its position depends on navigation setup. Use the shortcut, then tap screen content away from the keyboard/navigation bar. Move around using two fingers; pinch with two fingers to change zoom. Use the same shortcut again to stop. [D]

Practise stopping immediately, before trying to read a long passage. When you can enter and exit reliably, try one short line. The magnified view shows only part of the context: moving it is not the same as moving an app icon. If this feels confusing, leave magnification off and return to text/display size.

Android 16 only: Magnify keyboard can be enabled in the Magnification settings for full-screen magnification. Do not expect this keyboard feature on Android 13-15. To undo, disable that switch. To remove the magnification shortcut entirely, return to its settings and disable Magnification shortcut. [D]

Do not choose the triple-tap option for this first practice. Google's guide warns it can delay ordinary taps. This guide does not require changing your normal navigation. [D]

7. Sound: identify what you are changing

Begin quietly. A loud preview can startle you or people nearby. Pause media and avoid experimenting during an important call or while relying on an alarm. This is a settings exercise, not a hearing test or a promise that an alert will always reach you.

Android 13-16: press a volume button, open the adjacent Menu/More control, and inspect the separate volume sliders. Media, call, ring, notification and alarm sound are different categories. Change only the category you intend. A side-button press can affect a different category depending on what is playing. Restore the recorded slider position to undo. [E]

For iPhone iOS 26 keyboard feedback: Settings > Sounds & Haptics > Keyboard Feedback. Choose Sound or Haptic if desired; Haptic means a small tactile response. Turn the same option off to undo. [F]

For a broader iPhone ringtone or alert adjustment, use the current official Sounds & Haptics instructions linked in the reference list, matched to your exact iOS version. This edition does not reproduce those changing ringtone controls. Do not assume keyboard feedback controls incoming calls.

After any sound change, use an ordinary, non-urgent check with someone who agrees to help. Do not call emergency services to test your phone. If an expected alert is missing, stop changing random sliders and check the manufacturer's guidance for silent modes, notification permissions and connected audio devices. Do not turn off emergency alerts as part of this guide.

8. Input: make a small, reversible choice

On iPhone iOS 26, open Settings > General > Keyboard to inspect typing-assistance options. Record the current choice before changing a feature such as auto-correction. Switch it back to restore the earlier behaviour. You can also reach Keyboard Settings by holding the emoji or keyboard-switch key while typing. [F]

Try a harmless sentence in a note, not in a message addressed to someone. Inspect the actual result: did a word change unexpectedly, can you place the cursor, and can you correct it? A setting that helps one person may distract another. Do not put passwords or private identifiers into a practice sentence.

On Android, if a brief tap often becomes an unwanted long press, open Settings > Accessibility > Touch & hold delay. Choose Short, Medium or Long. A longer delay requires a longer hold before the long-press action occurs. Record the old value and choose it again to undo. Some manufacturers place this under an additional timing-controls heading. If absent, search Settings for the label or use manufacturer help. [G]

This delay is not a general keyboard-speed setting and will not enlarge the keys. Practise with a harmless item and avoid holding any Delete, purchase or send control. If you already use a specialist keyboard or assistive input setup, consult its own support before altering it.

No new keyboard, voice recording, dictation service, account or paid subscription is required for these exercises. This guide deliberately leaves microphone-based input outside its first-practice scope.

9. When the result is not what you expected

If one app ignores the change, first compare another familiar app. A photo of text is not the same as editable text. Keep a note of the app name and the exact setting that did or did not help. Look for official in-app reading help; do not give an unknown helper remote access merely to enlarge letters.

If controls are crowded, reverse the last change rather than adding three more. If a magnified view feels lost, use the exit shortcut you practised. If a setting is missing, your model, software, language or administrator may differ. Do not install an unofficial system update or remove management restrictions.

A safe help request is: “My phone model is __ and its software version is __. I changed __. I want to return it to __. Can you show me the official steps without opening my private information?” Share only what the helper needs. A model and software version are enough to begin; passcodes and verification codes are not.

If the phone becomes difficult to use, pause and seek trusted, official support. Do not factory-reset it as a quick fix. If a setting prompts payment, an app install, account recovery or extensive permissions, stop: that is outside this guide's basic settings route.

Cost boundary: this guide is free and its exercises use built-in settings. Reading online support may use data; printing, professional help, accessories or replacement devices may cost money. None is a required purchase here. Changing a setting is not a diagnosis, treatment or personal accessibility assessment.

10. Your private change card

Optional: write on paper or keep this card in your own notes. This PDF is a static printable guide, not an interactive form. Nothing here submits your answers. Do not include passcodes, passwords, account numbers, recovery codes or message content.

Phone model and software version: _____

One difficulty I want to reduce: _____

Setting and exact route I used: _____

Previous value or position: _____

New value or position: _____

My way to undo or exit: _____

App/sample I compared (no private content): _____

My decision - keep / undo / ask for help: _____

A position can be described in your own words if the slider has no number. Do not take or share a screenshot containing private messages just to record it. Leave any field blank that you do not need.

Finish check: I can read my sample. I can find the controls. I can return to a familiar screen. I know how to undo the change. If any answer is no, reverse the last change or ask for help before continuing. Keeping the original settings is a valid outcome.

You have completed this guide when one small change is useful, or when you have decided not to change it. You do not owe the phone a complete makeover. Contacts, photos, maps and wider phone-task practice are intentionally outside this free guide.

11. Official references and edition limits

Checked 1 November 2026. These links provide the official procedures, not endorsement of this publication. Web pages and software can change. Use the version selector for Apple and your manufacturer's help for Android differences. No physical device testing was performed.

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[C] Google, Change text & display settings. Some steps require Android 13+; Outline text requires Android 16+. https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/11183305?hl=en

[D] Google, Use magnification on your screen. Some steps require Android 13+; Magnify keyboard requires Android 16+.
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