

# Make phone text easier to read

Try one small change together.

**Applies to:** iPhone: text-size steps checked against iOS 26 and iOS 27 documentation. Android: some steps need Android 13 or later; Samsung menus vary. Text-size changes do not affect every app.

1. Choose one familiar screen. Ask what is hard to read. Let your parent handle the phone where possible. Use a harmless message, with no passwords or codes.
2. Record the starting point. Note the current text-size slider position before moving it. Change one setting at a time.
3. On iPhone, change text size. Open Settings > Accessibility > Display & Text Size > Larger Text. Move the slider a little. Larger Accessibility Sizes offers more choices.
4. On Android, change font size. Open Settings and search for Font size. Select the setting and move its slider a little. Check the preview.
5. Practice in the real app. Ask your parent to read the message, identify the sender, type an unsent reply and find the back control. Check the keyboard too.
6. Keep it, or undo it. Keep the change only if your parent prefers it. To undo it, return to the same setting and restore the recorded slider position.

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If buttons also need to be larger, use the full guide to check display-size options separately. September 25, 2026: iPhone text-size steps checked against Apple's iOS 26 and iOS 27 documentation; no hands-on device test.

## Full guide

<https://havenandsignal.com/guides/make-smartphone-easier-to-read-aging-parent>

Apple: text size, iOS 26: <https://support.apple.com/en-ie/guide/iphone/iph3c076905a/26/ios/26>

Apple: text size, iOS 27: <https://support.apple.com/en-ie/guide/iphone/iph3c076905a/27/ios/27>

Google: font size: <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/11183305?hl=en>