

MAKE DEVICES EASIER TO SEE

*Understand and improve
visual experiences*



Understand the Difficulties

Before adjusting any settings, try to understand a mentee's experience viewing his or her device. Taking the time to understand where the difficulties lie will save time and frustration in the long run. You may want to open the home screen and ask open-ended questions such as:

- How does the text look?
- How about the icons?
- Where do your eyes want to focus?
- Do you notice any glare?
 - Can you describe it?

Once you understand better how a person experiences their screen, you can make the changes that are most likely to improve their experience.

As you adjust, start small. Make incremental changes and only increase or decrease settings until you reach a point of diminishing returns for the mentee.

Make Adjustments

Consider a mentee's experience and start with the following categories:

Increase the Size

Begin by setting a larger **display size** in the settings of the device. Then consider adjusting the default **text size**. Avoid dramatic changes and make sure that a person's preferred apps still look good.

Simplify the Display

Take a look at the home screen background. If it interferes with app visibility a mentee may want to **replace the background** with a simple, solid color. Another way to simplify is to **remove items** from the homescreen.

Modify Contrast and Brightness

Changing screen colors to reduce glare can be tricky, but two turning on **dark mode** and enabling **auto-brightness** can make a big difference for some. When in doubt, please refer a mentee to an expert at CIDE.