

SNAB Test to determinate the need of magnification (Times New Roman, TNR)

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Beautiful flowers are blooming in the meadows, red, yellow, blue.

The sun is shining, the river is flowing and birds are singing

A gentle breeze is blowing through the trees, swaying the branches

The clouds are high in the sky and colourful butterflies are flattering in the air

4x TNR 38 Pt.

A cheeky mouse comes out of his hole looking for a tasty breakfast.

3.2x TNR 30 Pt.

A shy deer springs through the bushes searching for a place to graze.

A golden bumble-bee hums her way through the dewy morning grass.

2x TNR 19 Pt.

Only a mole stays underground, digging his tunnel through the damp earth looking for food.

1.6x TNR 15 Pt.

Newsprint

Zurich DFA Yesterday was a lovely day with temperatures of around 20 degrees centigrade with almost no wind. Many people were out strolling contentedly by the side of the lake enjoying the beautiful seasonal weather. This is the herald of spring. It has come late this year but now it is here.

1x TNR 9.5 Pt.

The nature has awoken. It's spring at last.. The days are getting longer and the trees and flowers are in bloom. Forgotten is the cold, and snow of winter.

1.25x TNR 12 Pt.

Controltext 1:

This writing is smaller than a newspaper article and is rarely used. Don't worry if you have difficulties, it's quite normal.

0.8x TNR 7.5 Pt.

Controltext 2:

This writing is extremely small. If you can read it, you should have no problems with any print.

0.63x TNR 6 Pt.



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Brief instruction to determine the need of magnification

- With the test to determinate the need of magnification, we detect the magnification needed to read newspaper print. The test (for adults) is based on a print size that is typically used for newspapers.
- The print size that can be read fluently and comfortable indicates the expected need of magnification.
- It is recommended to keep a test distance of 25 cm. If the patient chooses a different distance, the effective need of magnifaction has to be converted to 25 cm by using the conversion table this page.
- The test should always be executed with reading glasses (ideally with an addition of +3.0 dpt)
- Children also should get an addition because they cannot automatically accomodate enough.
- The resulting addition can be calculated by using the following formula:

Addition (dpt.) = Magnification x 4

Convertion table									
Actual reading distance									
Nead of magnification read		10 cm	12.5 cm	16 cm	20 cm	25 cm	32 cm	40 cm	50 cm
	0.8 x	2.0	1.6	1.25	1.0	0.8	0.63		
	1.0 x	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.25	1.0	0.8	0.63	
	1.25 x	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.25	1.0	0.8	0.63
	1.6 x	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.25	1.0	0.8
	2.0 x	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.25	1.0
	2.5 x	6.3	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.6	1.25
	3.2 x	8.0	6.3	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.0	1.6
	4.0 x	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.5	2.0
	5.0 x	12.5	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.0	4.0	3.2	2.5
	6.3 x	16.0	12.5	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.0	4.0	3.2
	8.0 x	20.0	16.0	12.5	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.0	4.0
	10 x	25.0	20.0	16.0	12.5	10.0	8.0	6.3	5.0
	12.5 x	32.0	25.0	20.0	16.0	12.5	10.0	8.0	6.3

Available at:

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