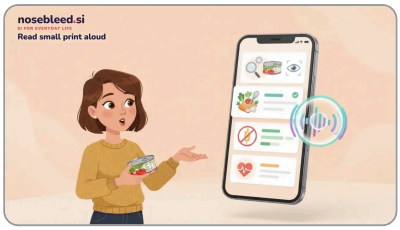
Read small print with AI

Use your phone's camera and AI to read labels and leaflets aloud, or in bigger print.



By the end, you'll be able to:

- know the tools on a phone that help with small print
- ask AI to read and explain a label
- know when to check with a person

Warm-up What small print do you find hard to read?

Tick any that apply, then talk about it with your group.

☐ Food labels ☐ Medicine leaflets ☐ Instructions ☐ Bills ☐ Menus ☐ Bus timetables

1 Tools that can help

Many phones and tablets have these. Draw a line from each tool to what it does.

Magnifier	Reads the words on the screen out loud
Text size setting	Uses the camera to read, or explain, a photo of a label
Read aloud	Uses the camera to make print look bigger
AI chat app with a camera	Makes the words on your screen bigger

2 Read a label

Here's a made-up food label. Read it, or take a photo of it and ask AI to read it.

MADE-UP SAMPLE LABEL

OATY CRUNCH BISCUITS 200 g
Ingredients: wholegrain **oats** (38%), wheat flour (**wheat**), sugar, palm oil, golden syrup, **butter** (**milk**), raising agent, salt.
May contain nuts. Store in a cool, dry place. Best before: 30 JUN 2027.

TRY THIS PROMPT

Please read this label to me in plain English. Tell me which ingredients may cause allergies, and the best-before date. If you can't read any part clearly, please say so.

3 Spot the mistake

EXAMPLE AI ANSWER

These biscuits contain oats, wheat and milk. They don't contain nuts. The best-before date is 30 June 2027.

The mistake is: _____

Who might this mistake matter to, and why?

4 When to ask a person

Tick whether AI is fine, or you should check with a person.

	AI is fine	Check with a person
The cooking time on a ready meal		
How many tablets to take, from a medicine leaflet		
Whether food is safe for someone with a serious allergy		
What a dish on a menu is		

5 Try it

If you have a device, take a photo of something with small print, like a newspaper or a leaflet (nothing with personal details). Ask AI to read it aloud, or to write it out in large, clear words. What did you try, and how well did it work?

> **No device?** In pairs, one of you reads the label aloud and the other answers: which allergens, and when is it best before?

Find out more: read the free step-by-step guide, with a 10-second video, at **nosebleed.si/ideas/read-small-print-aloud**

Teacher notes: Read small print with AI

Time: 45 to 60 minutes

Level: beginners; no AI experience needed

Group: any size; works well in pairs

You'll need: a copy per learner; phones or tablets with an AI chat app (optional)

Before the session

Check which accessibility tools learners' phones have; names and menus vary between makes and models. The biscuit label is made up.

Running order

5 min	**Warm-up.** Which small print people struggle with.
10 min	**Part 1.** Match the tools; show one on a phone if you can.
15 min	**Parts 2 and 3.** Read the label with AI, then spot the mistake.
15 min	**Parts 4 and 5.** When to ask a person, then try it.
5 min	**Wrap-up.** Helpful, but check what matters.

Answers: Part 1

Magnifier: uses the camera to make print bigger.
Text size: makes the words on your screen bigger.
Read aloud: reads the words on the screen out loud.
AI chat app with a camera: reads or explains a photo of a label.

Answer: Part 3

The label says the biscuits **may contain nuts**. That matters to anyone with a nut allergy.

Answers: Part 4

AI is fine: cooking times; menu dishes (but ask staff about allergies).
Check with a person: medicine doses (a pharmacist); serious allergies (check the label with someone, or contact the maker).

Discussion points

- AI can misread small or blurry text, especially numbers. A clear, well-lit photo helps.
- In the UK, RNIB offers advice on sight loss, including help with phones and technology.

Safety notes

- Don't photograph letters or cards with personal details for AI.

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