



Top Facts for Alternative Formats

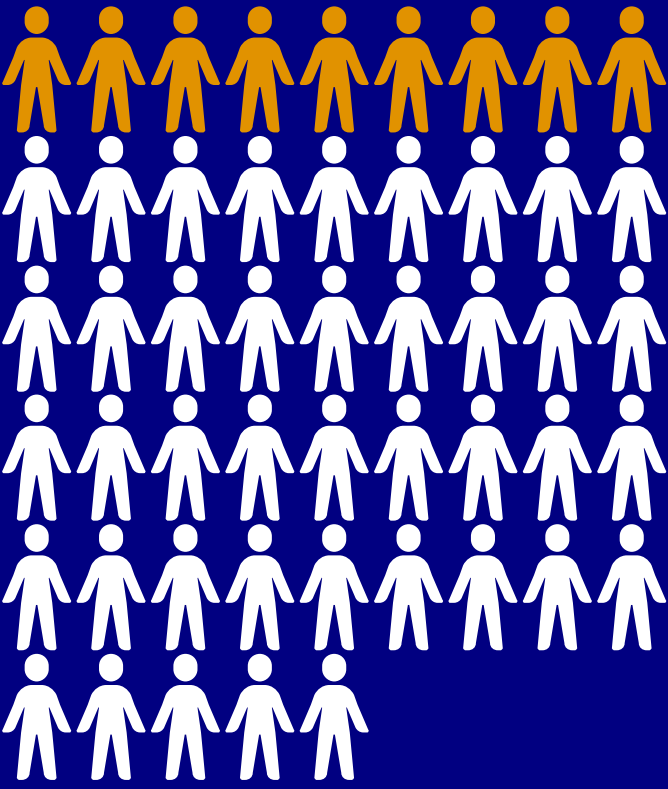
Less than 10%

of all publications produced every year are available in accessible formats (1)

Accessible formats
10%



Inaccessible formats
90%



Over 2 million

people in the UK live with sight loss (2)

360,000

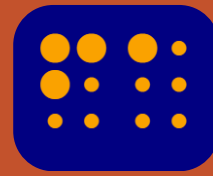
people are registered as blind or partially sighted (2)

Every day

250

people

start to lose their sight (3)



20,000

people in the UK use Braille (4)

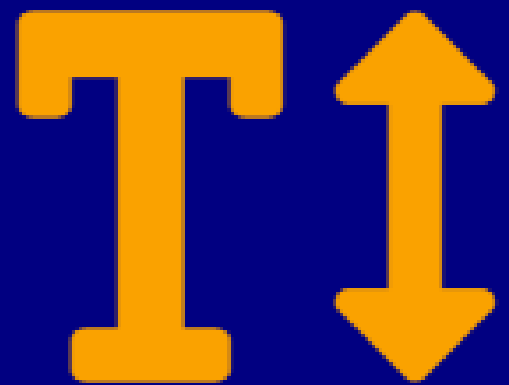


150,000

use BSL as their primary or preferred language in the UK (5)

Large print

is the most commonly requested alternative format and usually printed in 16-18 point font size



Over 2 in 5

UK adults have listened to audiobooks in their spare time (6)

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