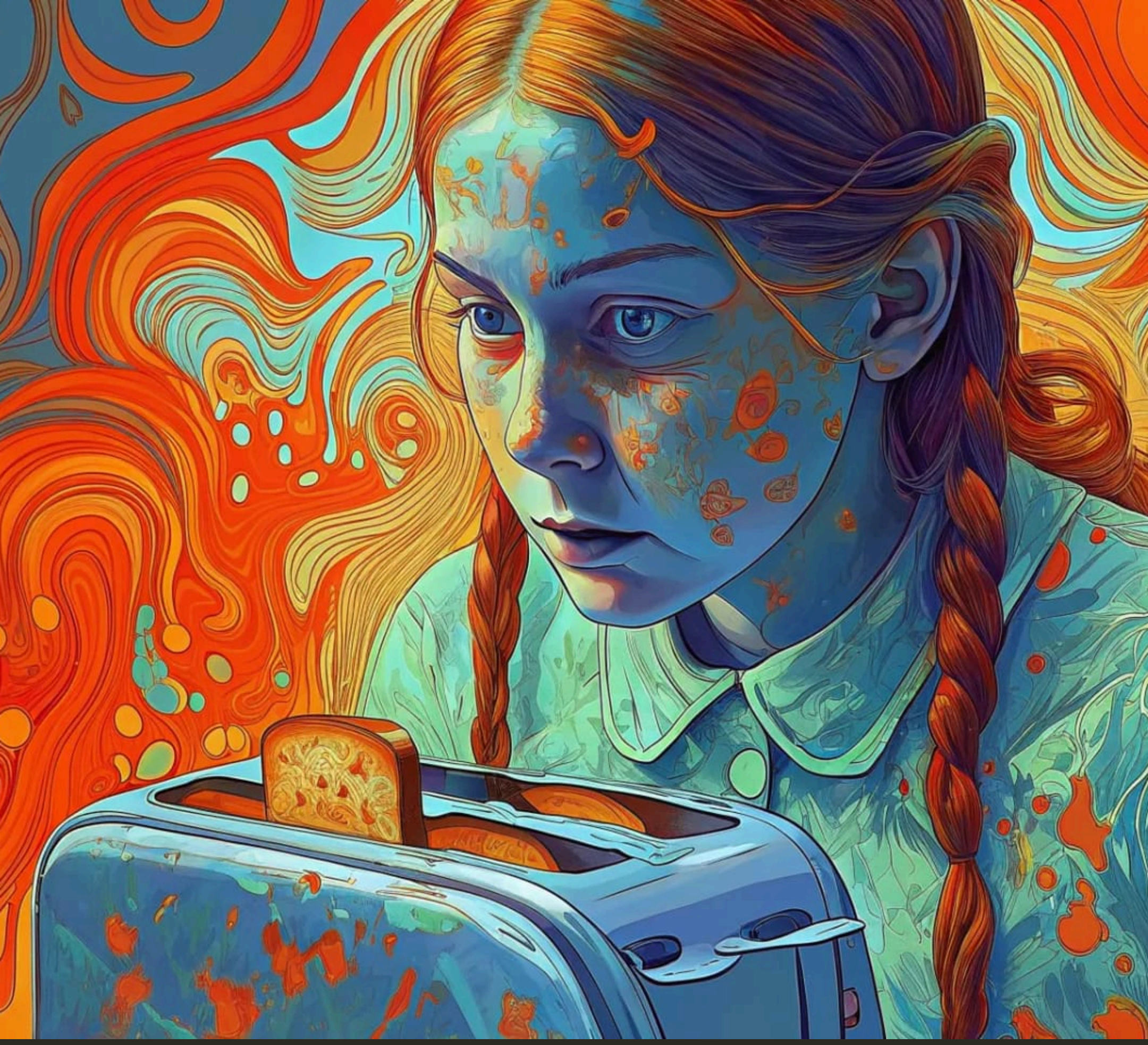


SUCCESS CRITERION 1.4.12 · LEVEL AA

Text Spacing



“I cut my bread thick, the way I like it, and your toaster only does the bottom half.”

Who this helps: Dyslexia, Low Vision

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Text Spacing

No loss of content or functionality occurs when users increase line height, paragraph spacing, letter spacing and word spacing.

Principle 1: Perceivable

Guideline 1.4: Distinguishable

What each role can do

Product manager

Require layouts to survive user-adjusted text spacing.

Designer

Avoid fixed-height text containers; leave room for text to grow.

Developer

Let containers grow with content; avoid fixed heights and overflow: hidden on text.

Tester

Apply the WCAG text-spacing bookmarklet and check for clipped or overlapping text.

Once it is fixed



> “Now my thick slices toast all the way to the top. Thank you for making room!”

WCAG Quotes

Every WCAG 2.2 success criterion, told by the person it helps.

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The quotes are written to illustrate the criterion. They are not testimonials from real people.