

SUCCESS CRITERION 3.1.3 · LEVEL AAA

Unusual Words



“'Propinquity'? Fine, use your fancy word. Just tell me what it means.”

Who this helps: Cognitive Impairments, Non-native Speakers

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A mechanism is available for identifying specific definitions of words or phrases used in an unusual or restricted way.

Principle 3: Understandable

Guideline 3.1: Readable

What each role can do

Product manager

Include a glossary or tooltips for unusual or technical terms.

Designer

Design easily accessible ways to get definitions, such as hover tooltips or links to a glossary.

Developer

Implement tooltips or hyperlinks for words that are unusual or used in a restricted manner.

Tester

Verify that all unusual or technical terms have definitions or explanations that are easily accessible.

Once it is fixed



> “Thanks for the vocab lesson! Now I don't feel like I'm reading an alien language.”

WCAG Quotes

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

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