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# Unusual Words



“What do you mean by  
'propinquity'? Speak  
English, website!”

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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