The Easy Reading Project

In the Easy Reading project, people with learning difficulties (peer researchers), developers and researchers work together to develop the software. The Easy Reading software is designed to make the Internet easier for people with learning difficulties.

Research
Together we explore what difficulties exist on the Internet.

Software Development
The Easy Reading software is developed in cooperation with peer researchers. They tell the developers what works well and what can be done better.

Easy Reading
Finally, the Easy Reading software should be available free of charge to all people who need help on the Internet. New features can easily be added.

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How Easy Reading works

Easy Reading is an aid for reading and understanding websites. You can use it on your computer or mobile phone or tablet. With Easy Reading you can make any web page easier.

And this is how it works:

1. I struggle to understand a web page.
2. I click on the Easy Reading icon. The different help functions are displayed.
3. I decide which help I need, e.g. reading the text aloud.
4. The page is changed immediately and the text is being read out.

Anyone who uses Easy Reading can create their own profile.

In the profile, users can set which help they need and which they do not need. Users can also choose which symbol to use for a function.

The users can decide for themselves:

- [ ] When do I need help?
- [ ] What kind of help do I need?
- [ ] How do I want to use the help?

Easy Reading adapts to the individual needs of the user.

Easy Reading Help Functions

- **Reading Ruler**
  The reading ruler clearly displays one line. This prevents slippage and makes it easier to read a text.

- **Colour changer**
  With this function the colour of text and background can be changed. Then the text is better visible.

- **Pictorial Explanations**
  Difficult words can be better understood with picture help. Pictures are displayed to assist in understanding words and phrases.

- **Reading Aloud**
  With the read aloud function texts or single words can be read out on a web page. This helps to understand the text.

Easy Reading has a lot of other tools to choose from. And if someone needs new help, it can be easily added to Easy Reading system.