



Accessibility VOCABULARY LIST

accessible	Reachable; able to enter and to use
accommodate	To provide with something desired, needed or suited
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	A federal law prohibiting discrimination against people with physical or mental disabilities; it covers print media, audio media, or computerized media such as the Internet
assistive devices	People with disabilities use these to complete certain tasks
audio	Relating to sound and the reproduction of it
authoring tools	These assist in creating “accessible Web content through prompts, alerts, check and repair functions, help files and automated tools
captioned telephone	A telephone that changes spoken words to text on a screen
closed caption	Text that enables hearing-impaired people to follow audio. The captions do not appear on the screen unless a decoder is used. Many television sets offer closed captions.
cognitive	Relating to mental activities; knowing
contrast	Difference between shades of color. Clear distinctions between colors can be important to people with low vision.



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disability	A physical or mental impairment that can make it difficult to carry on certain activities
HTML	Hypertext Markup Language – The coding language for documents for the Web. It is text-based, supports links to other files on the Web. They can be viewed with a web browser.
motor disabilities	Difficulty with movement because of problems with the nerves that enable movement of a muscle
open caption	Text on a screen that is not hidden from view
Open Standard	A standard for Web site development that can be used by all
Repetitive Stress Injuries (RSI)	Overuse of muscles, tendons or nerves. Carpal tunnel syndrome is an example
screen reader	Turns information on a computer screen into synthesized speech or refreshable Braille display
Section 508	Makes electronic government information available to people with disabilities
Telecommunications Relay Service	A service that helps people who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired make phone calls through use of operators who use both TTY machines and phones to relay messages between parties
United States Access Board	An independent federal agency devoted to accessibility for people with disabilities
Universal design	Products and environments designed to be usable by the greatest number of people, regardless of age or ability