Family Engagement in Research

Knowledge Translation Project: Partner brochures & budgeting planning
What is Easy English

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A comparison of writing styles

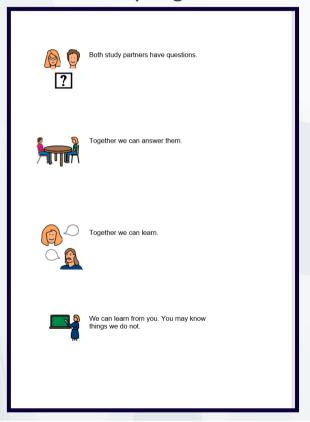| **Research** (scientific/medical) English	**Plain** English or Plain Language	**Easy Read**	**Easy English**
• Text is designed for someone with a reading and comprehension level of someone who has a **scientific university degree.** • Someone without specific training may struggle to read and understand the text.	• A direct way of writing for people with a reasonable reading and comprehension level. • Suitable for someone who has the equivalent **reading level of a 12–14-year-old.** • Helpful for people to read and understand the information easily.	• Aimed at someone with **a 9-11 year-old reading level.** • Has minimal white spaces around the text. • Uses less line spacing between paragraphs. • Has no images on the title page or heading. • Has lots of words on the page. • May have words incorporated into images.	• Aimed at someone with a **5-6 year old reading level with adult lived experience.** • Uses everyday words with short sentences with images or pictures. • Uses lots of white spaces around text and lots of line spaces. • Has no more than four concepts per page. • Users an image for every title or heading.

Visual Comparison

Plain English

Easy Read

Easy English

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