

The Large Print Test

A printable ruler, and the three numbers that matter.

Works on any activity book, including ones that are not mine.

Print at 100% or “Actual size” — never “Fit to page”.

CALIBRATION — this line must be exactly 100 mm (10 cm). If it is not, the printer scaled the page.



Cut out any strip below. All three are the same.



What the numbers mean

Measure a capital letter on a printed page — bottom of the letter to the top.

4.9 mm — 20 point. What these books are set at.

4.4 mm — 18 point. The American Printing House for the Blind’s floor for large print.

3.5 mm — 14 point. Below this it is an ordinary book with a sticker on the cover.

Point size is a typographic measurement, not a promise about what reaches the page. Two books can both honestly say “20 point” and look nothing alike.

The ruler settles it.

Good Light Press — large print puzzle books, one puzzle to a page.

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