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Tutorials and Other Resources

On this page you will find a list of useful Tutorials and Other Resources to help you with writing Image Descriptions.

If you have any questions, post your question on the Alt-Text Q&A

Webinars

- Describing Images in Publications DAISY webinar that introduces Image Descriptions.
- The Art and Science of Describing Images DAISY webinar that goes into Editing Alt-text.
- The Art and Science of Describing Images Part Two DAISY webinar that goes into describing Maps, Graphs, and Charts
- The Art and Science of Describing Images Part Three DAISY webinar that goes into describing Artwork and Anatomy
- Implementing Extended Descriptions in Digital Publications, Best Practices and Practical Advice DAISY webinar on how to create Long Description in an ebook. This is a bit more technical and talks more about how to code the pieces of the book and where to put the information.
- How to describe complex images Benetech webinar on long descriptions.
- Accessible Social Media/Marketing Panel with Alt-Text Writing Practice SessionAccessible Libraries presentation on SM, but there is a great panel discussion at the 35 minute mark about how to describe images and what is important.

Tutorials

- Poet Training Tool provides an interactive tutorial on how to describe all types of images, and is great to practice your writing skills!
- W3C's Tutorial on Imagesfocused more on websites, but has useful tips for describing symbols and images in sequence.
- Accessible Book Consortium Tutorial: Accessible Images and how to create them slideshow that walks you through all the ways you can describe images including different mediums such as Braille!
- Text alternatives - a decision tree provides you with a series of questions to ask yourself on when and how to write image descriptions.

Websites

- AccessiblePublishing.ca Guide to Image Description provides general guidelines for publishers. This page was created by our accessibility testing team and is the current gold standard for Alt-text description in Canada.
- Accessible Image - Sample Book provides samples of alt-text
- Image Description Guidelines guidelines similar to our documentation.
- Multi-Spread Images How to describe images over 2 pages.

- DAISY Knowledge Base Alt-text golden standard in writing image descriptions in ebooks. It is more technical, and shows how the code works for image descriptions.
- Image description examples from textBOX has samples of image descriptions.

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