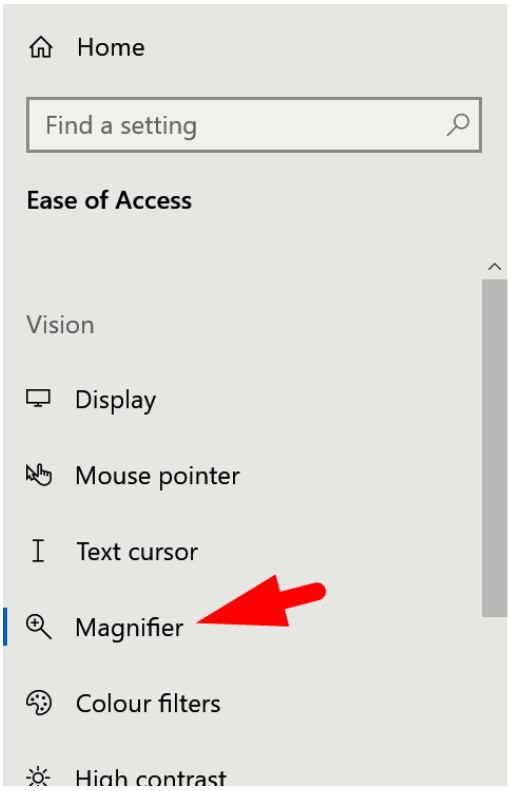
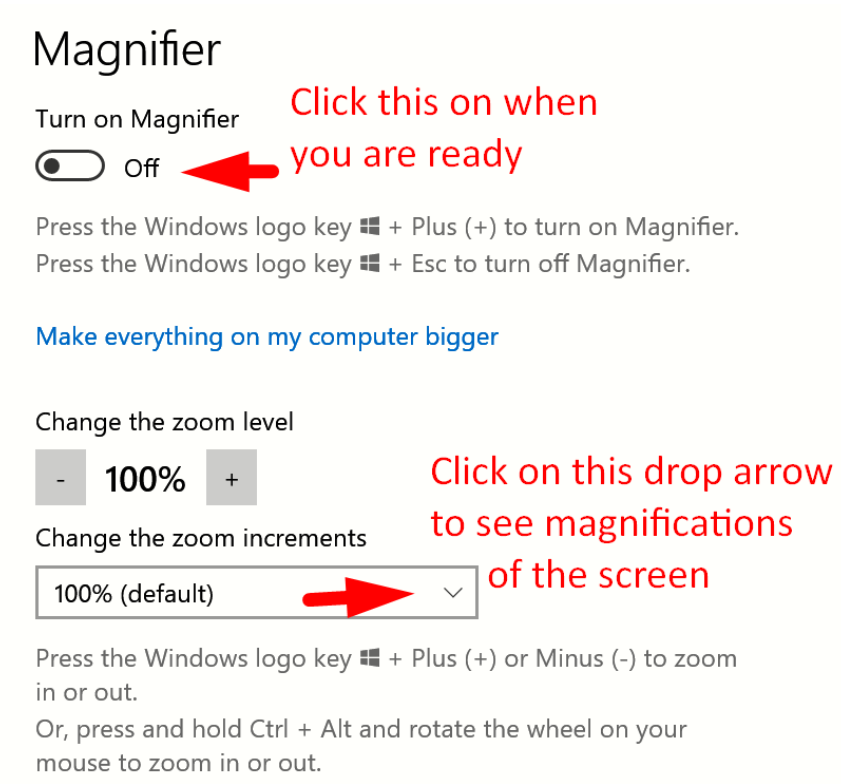
Make Things Easier to See and hear with Windows Magnifier

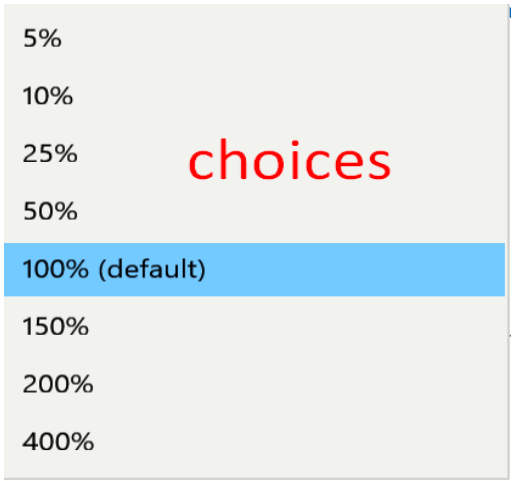
Windows 10 / Windows 11

One thing we all share besides this blue planet is getting old. And getting old comes with its frustrations, most of which I won't get into here. However, one of the things older people have is trouble seeing things on a computer screen. Sometimes, it gets frustrating. Windows Magnifier can help for you to see and hear.

Until recently, I thought Magnifier was for the severely sight-impaired, but I was wrong. It's for anyone who has trouble seeing some things on the screen. It's very customizable, and you may want to play with the settings to get it to work**. In Windows 10 the Magnifier is in "Ease of Access".** Press the **windows key + U** (Win + U) **to see the magnifier.**







Note these instructions above

Now turn on the magnifier and it will open on your page.

You can change the size of the text on the page with the + and - signs

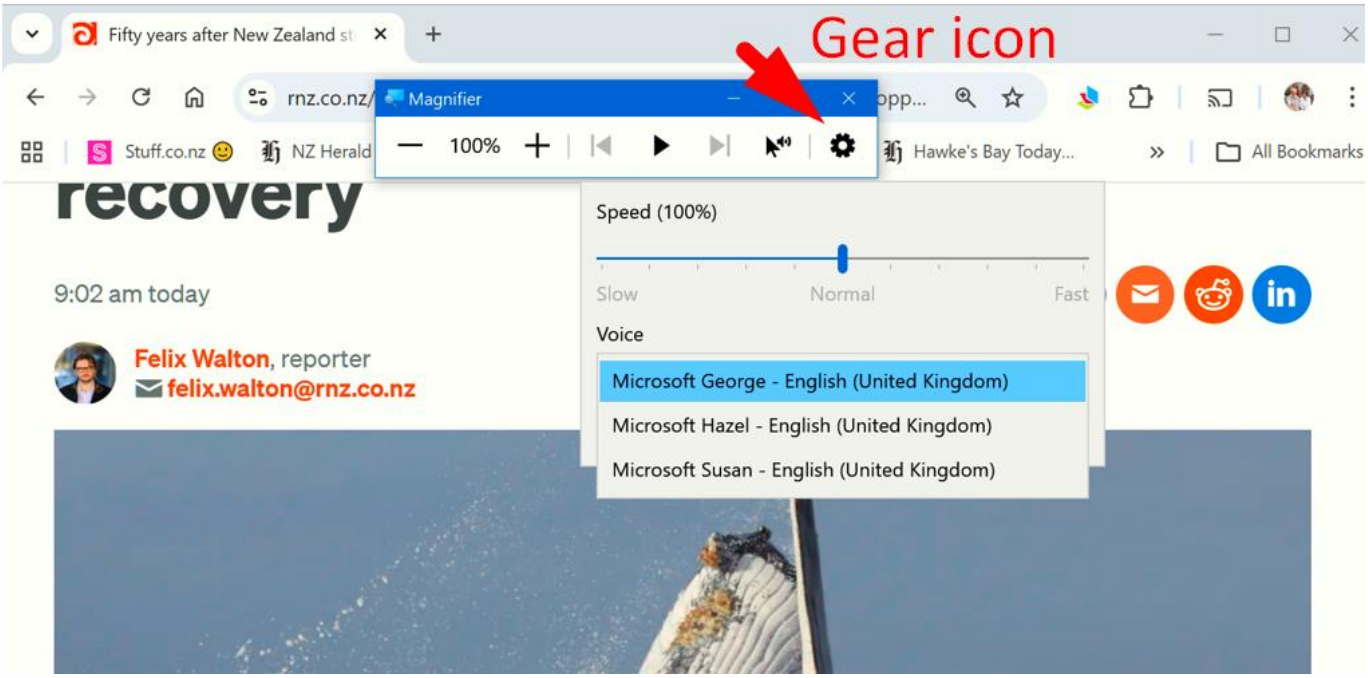
Switch the magnifier off and close this settings page and open any page or webpage you want to want to use the Magnifier on. E.g. RNZ. I will open an article.

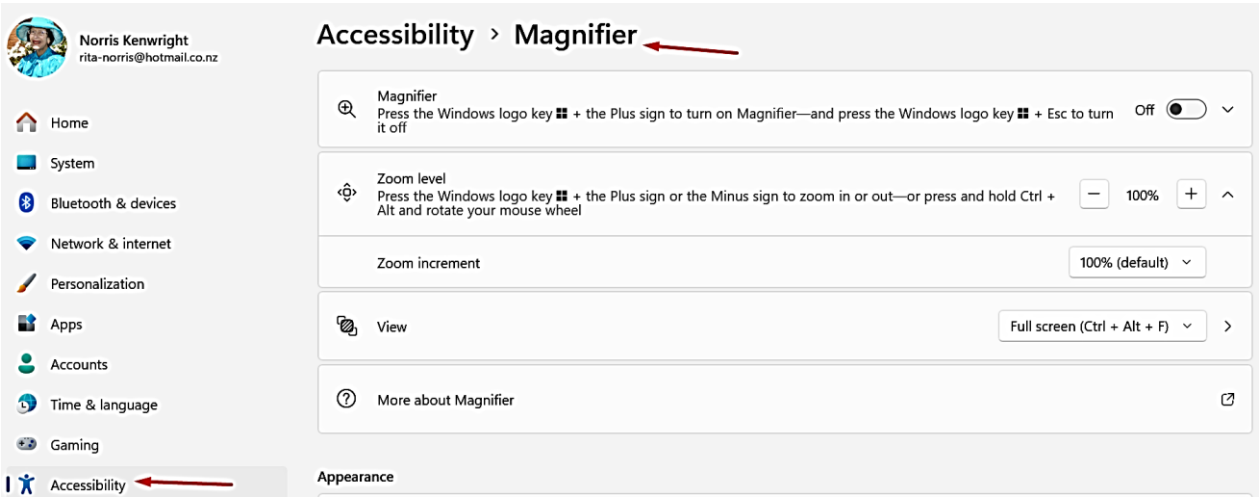
Fifty years after New Zealand stopped whaling, humpback population showing signs of recovery

Open the magnifier by pressing

Windows and the + keys

The magnifier will open and click on the Arrow with the small magnifier sign. Then click on the first word of the text. It will read the text for you. You can change the voice style by first clicking on the pause icon (the two vertical lines) and then the "**Gear**" Icon. Here you can change the speed of the voice and its accent. (If I was using American English I would have different voices.) Choose one and continue reading the text



You can close everything by pressing the **Win Key + Escape keys.**

In Widows 11 everything is similar except the Magnifier has been moved to the "Accessibility" folder.