

# Icebreakers into Accessibility

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## Why icebreakers into accessibility?

- **Getting to know new people**
- **Acknowledging differences**
- **Recognizing barriers to accessibility and how to solve them**
- **Raising awareness around accessibility**

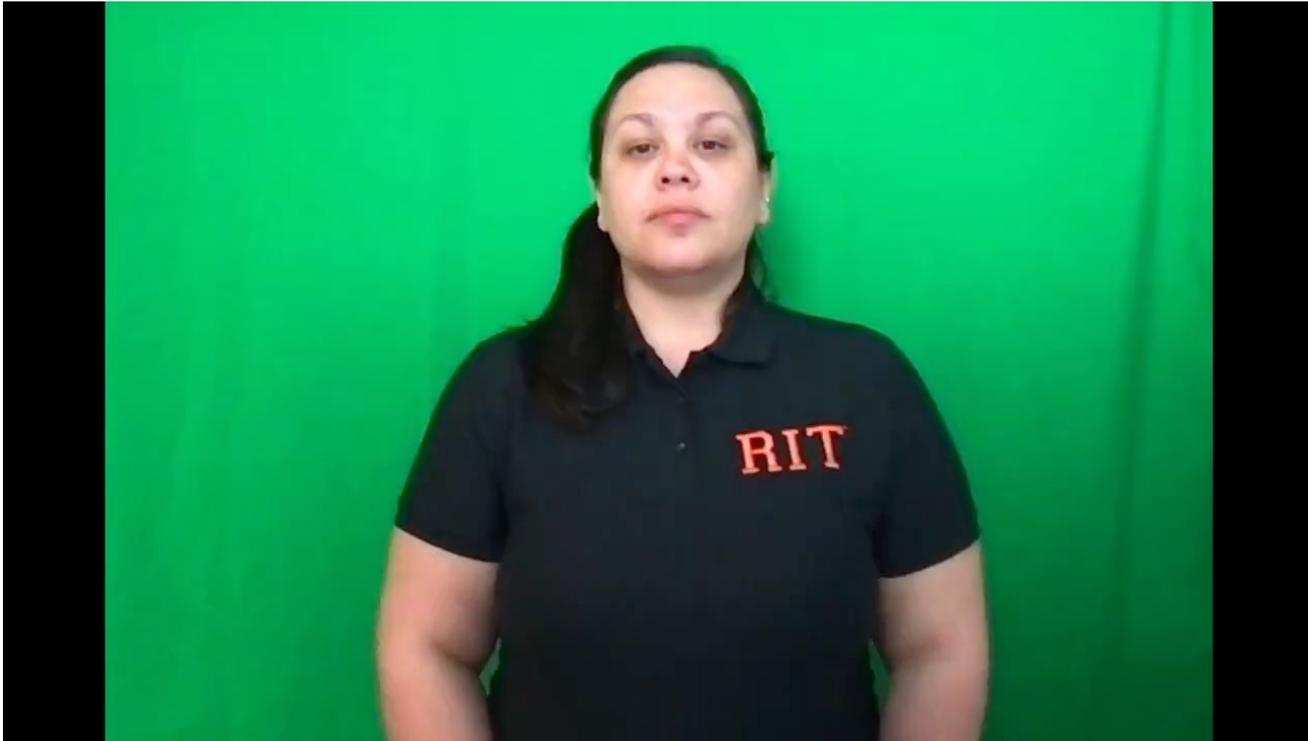
**“Do the best you can until you know better, then when you know better, do better” - Maya Angelou**

## What we will do together today:

**In this interactive session, we will be doing two accessibility icebreakers with discussions in between**

1. Video accessibility
2. Image accessibility

## A short video



**1. What was the video about?**

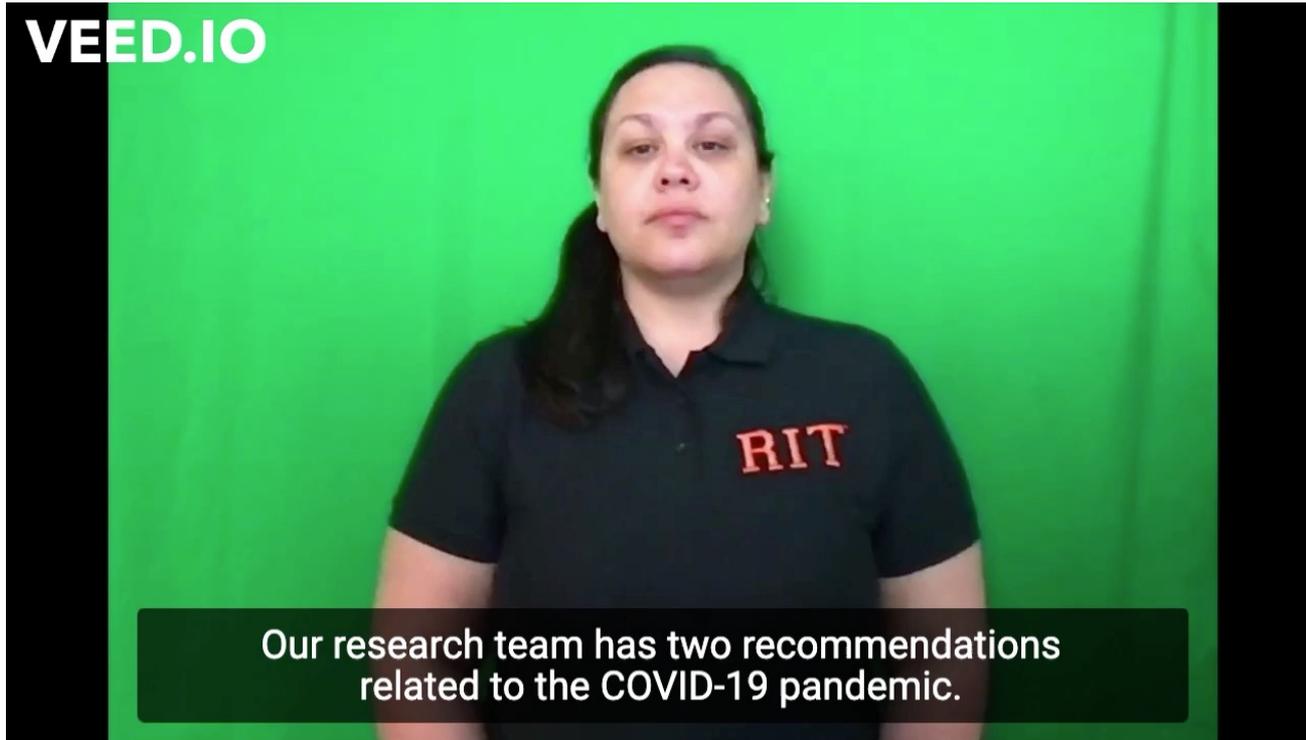
**2. Is the video accessible?**

# Same Short Video with Audio



**Is the video accessible now?**

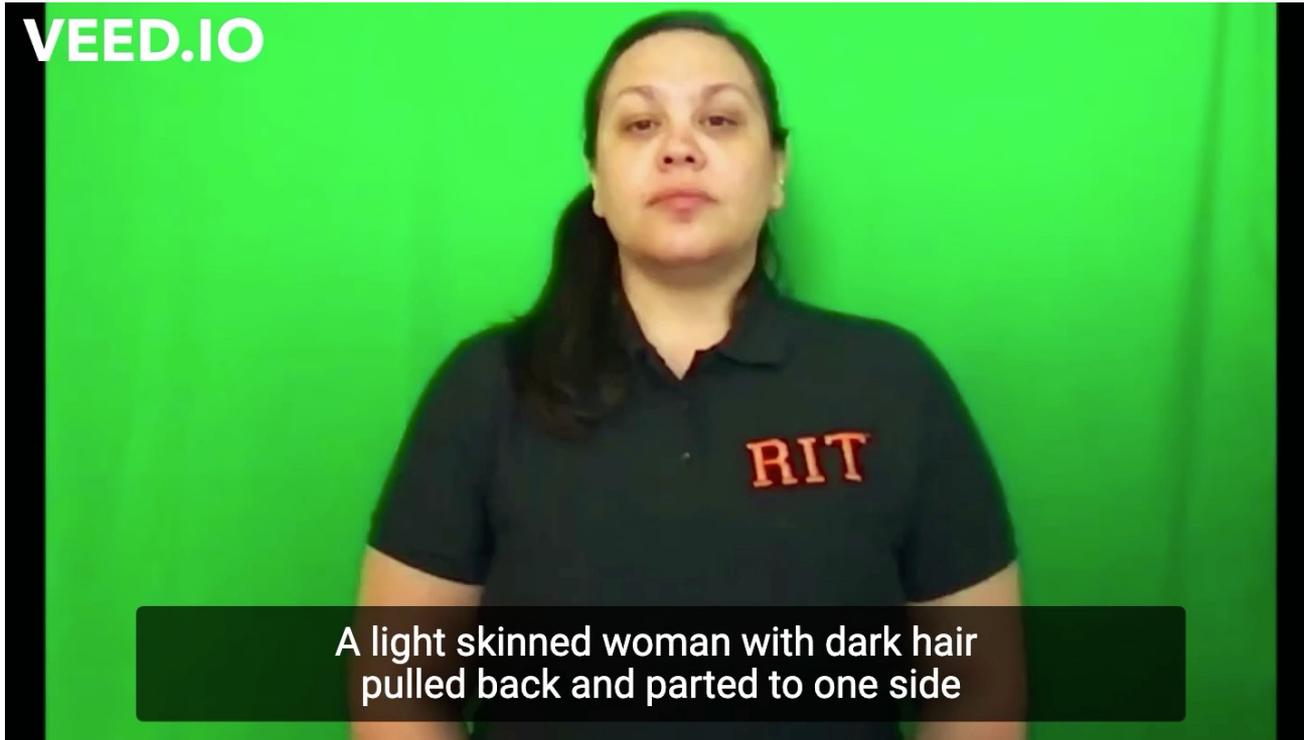
## Same Short Video with Audio and Subtitles



**1. Is the video accessible now?**

**2. What could be done to improve accessibility of the video?**

## Same Short Video with Audio, Subtitles, and Descriptive Audio



# Debriefing ASL Video

## What was done?

- Video in ASL
  - No captioning or voice over
- Same ASL video
  - With captioning and voice over

## What are the takeaways:

- Importance of accessible videos
  - proper captioning
  - audio description

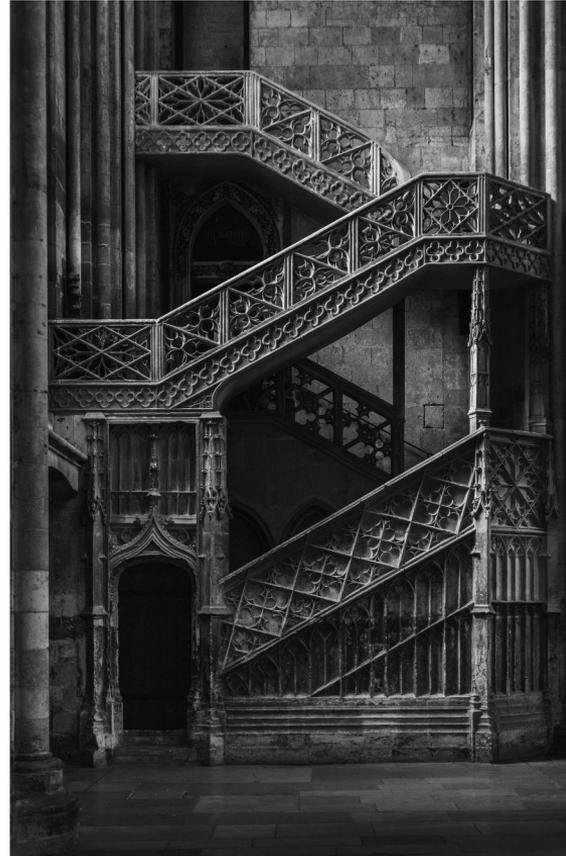
# Text Alternatives

## What comes to mind when you think about text alternatives?

Text alternatives are used to describe a digital image, this description can be read aloud for individuals using screen readers, in addition when an image doesn't load proper the text alternative will be visible when the image should be.

# **Black and white view of stairs in church**

**Is this what you  
envisioned? Could  
the text alternative  
be improved?**



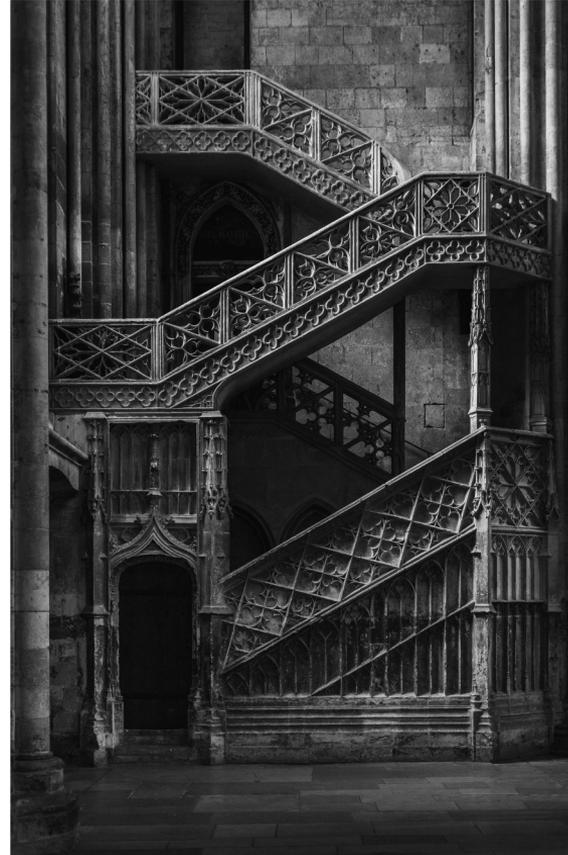
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## Activity: What text alternative would you give this picture?

Please follow these guidelines:

- Break up into small groups to answer the question, “What text alternative would you give this picture?”

You will have 10 minutes to complete this activity.



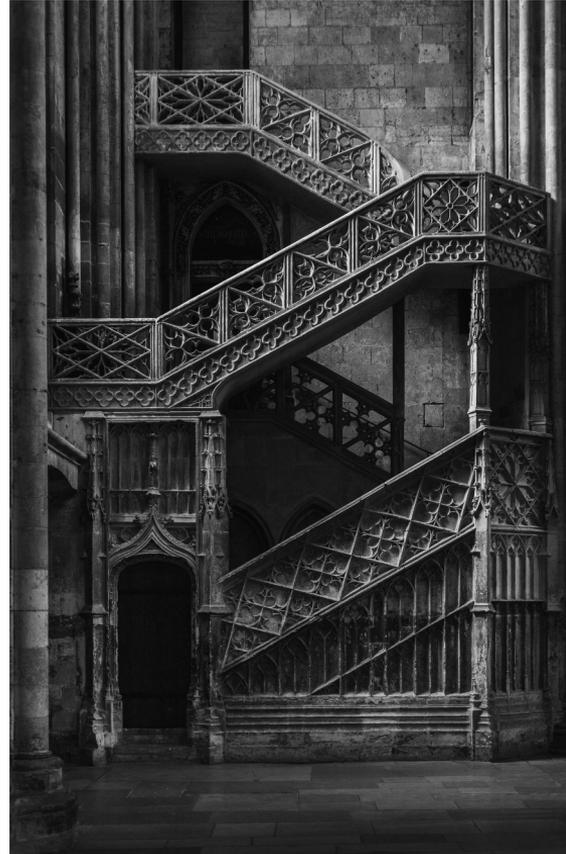
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**What did you come up with?**

## Text Alternative Examples - Staircase

- An ornate, medieval staircase with four U-shaped flights
- Staircase in Rouen Cathedral
- Booksellers Staircase in Rouen Cathedral
- Booksellers Staircase in Rouen Cathedral, an ornate, medieval staircase with four U-shaped flights.

What is missing is the context in which the image is used.



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## Let's Do Another Image

In your groups agree to a text alternative to this image of a young girl smiling with her back up against a tree and her arms around the tree. She is wearing a dark gray dress patterned with small white polka dots that falls above the knees. The dress has a white lace ruffle as a collar and at the end of the bracelet-length sleeves. She is also wearing light and dark gray diamond-patterned, knitted stockings with black leather ankle boots

- **Pick one of the following contexts:**
  - online shopping site
  - family blog post about Ella's 8th birthday party
- **No voicing**
- Will we give you about 15 minutes



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**What did you come up with?**

**What did you come up with?**

## Text Alternative Examples

### – Young Girl

Online shopping site:

- A young girl wears dark gray dress patterned with small white polka dots that falls above the knees. The dress has a white lace ruffle as a collar and at the end of the bracelet-length sleeves. She is also wearing light and dark gray diamond-patterned, knitted stockings with black leather ankle boots.

Family Blog Post about Ella's 8th Birthday Party

- Ella is smiling while peeking around a tree in a game of hide and seek.



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# Debriefing Text Alternatives

## What was done?

- Interpreters
  - No Voices
- Voicing the pictures on the screen
  - For blind/low vision attendees

## What are the takeaways:

- Importance of text alternatives
- Accommodating communication abilities/preferences

## Debrief

### What was the point of these icebreakers?

- Flipping the script of accessibility
  - Changing the viewpoint

*“Life is about perspective and how you look at something... ultimately, you have to zoom out.”*

**- Whitney Wolfe Herd**

**What is something that you will  
takeaway from this workshop?**



QUESTIONS?



THOUGHTS?

***Thanks for joining us today!***

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