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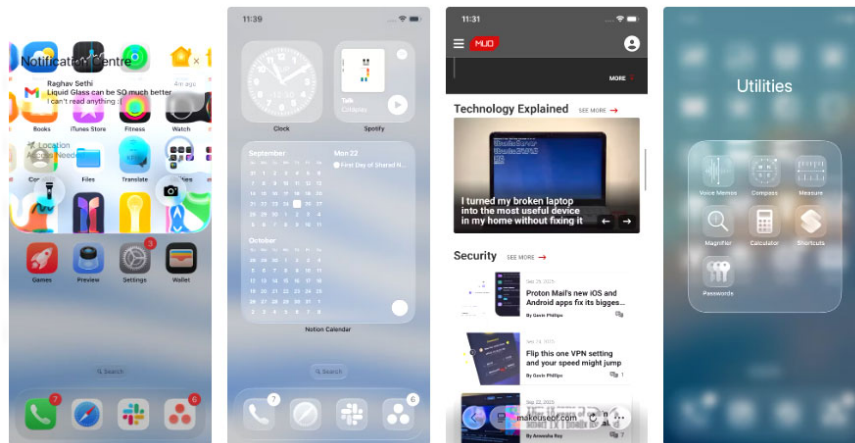
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iOS 26 has some really impressive features this year, but the highlight is clearly the new Liquid Glass design language. It's definitely one of the best looking versions of iOS Apple has ever released.

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iOS 26 makes reading harder than ever

Beautiful at first, unpleasant later



The Liquid Glass design certainly wins in terms of aesthetics, but using it makes it difficult to read on a daily basis. The biggest problem is contrast, or rather the lack of it. Just having a light-colored wallpaper in the background is enough for text to start to blend into it, making menus and labels look disjointed and unfinished. This problem is exacerbated in apps that have dark and light elements side by side.

As you scroll, iOS constantly switches text between black and white to keep it easy to read, but instead of helping, it just makes the whole interface flicker and distract. Sometimes there's just too much going on at once.

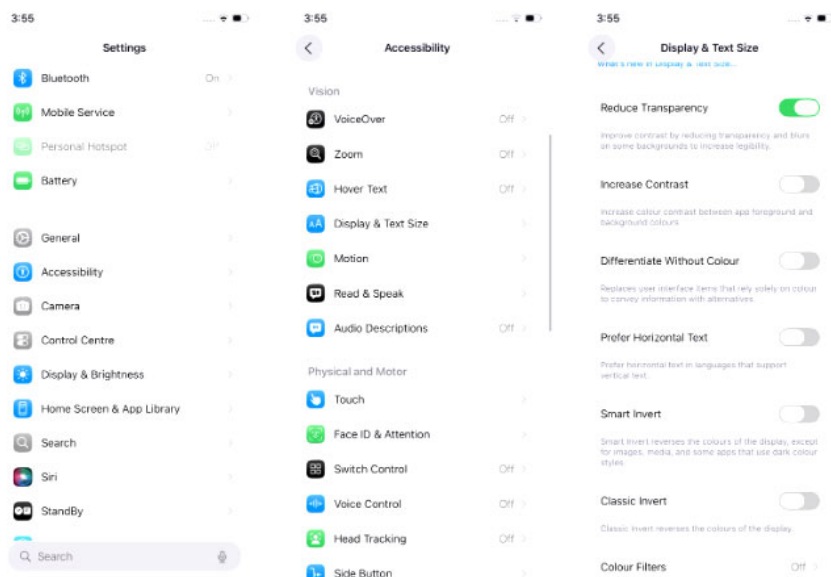
Notifications aren't much better. I used to love swiping down on the lock screen to see what I missed, but now those notifications pop up on top of whatever you're doing.

These iOS 26 tweaks finally fixed the problem

Back to function over form

Fortunately, there are a few fixes that can significantly improve readability. However, you shouldn't turn them all on at once. Instead, start with one and see how it goes, then add another if you're still having trouble.

Enable reduce transparency feature



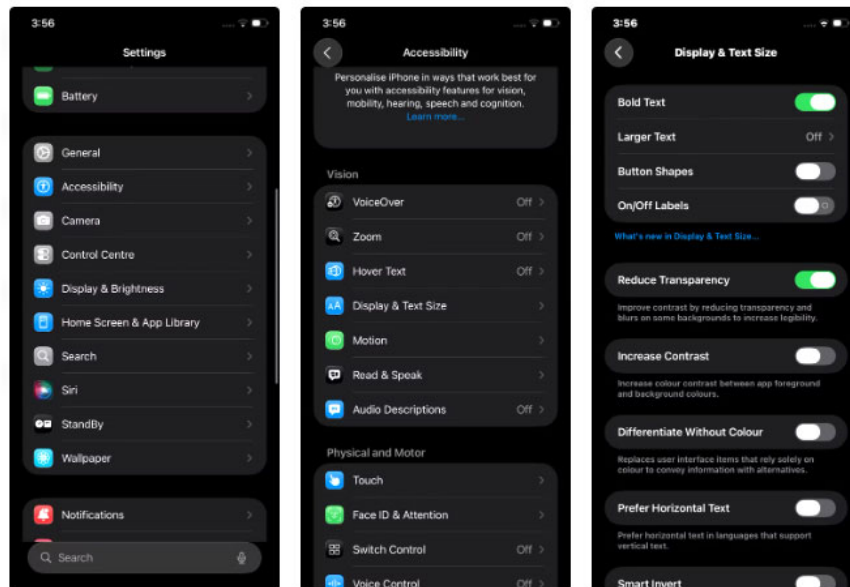
This is the biggest fix. Sure, it comes at the cost of a slightly more basic interface, but many people don't really mind losing a little visual flair in exchange for much better readability. You can enable it by opening the **Settings** app , going to **Accessibility** > **Display & Text Sizes** , and turning on **Reduce Transparency** .

Change wallpaper



If turning on Reduced Transparency is too much, try switching to a simpler wallpaper. While it may be tempting to stick with your favorite wallpaper, choosing a neutral, darker wallpaper can make a big difference. Text becomes harder to read when the wallpaper has both dark and light elements mixed together, so choosing a simpler wallpaper can help. Darker wallpapers often look better than lighter ones with a new design.

Enable bold text



Many people didn't like having this option on, but it made a big difference for others who didn't like the Liquid Glass design. As the name suggests, this feature makes all the text on the iPhone bolder. This extra boldness provides better contrast and makes it easier to distinguish elements, although the overall look might not be to everyone's taste.

You can bold text by going to **Settings > Accessibility > Display & Text** and turning on the **Bold Text** option

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