

Pearson Brands

BTEC brand guidelines

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Our brand architecture

Our brand architecture Our brand at a glance

This is a summary of the building blocks upon which our brand architecture is built. These elements influence how we behave as a company and express ourselves as a brand.

From the business decisions we make to the way we communicate with learners, customers, partners, and each other, every point of contact with our brand should be guided by this architecture.

Our brand architecture is also reflected in the way we act as an employer. Our Employee Value Proposition (EVP) outlines to our employees the benefits of working at Pearson.

To download an extended version of our Brand at a Glance, please click the folder ab

above.		
To download a full version of our Employee Value Proposition, please click the folder above.	Tagline	Always Learning

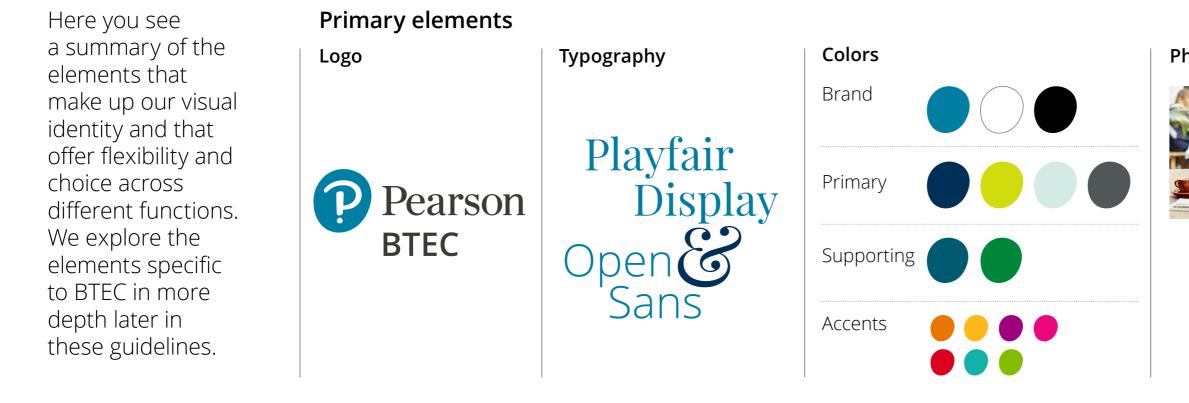


Look

Contemporary Engaging Dynamic

Key visual elements

Key visual elements Overview



Secondary elements



[†] The current illustrations <u>cannot</u> be amended in terms of color treatment.

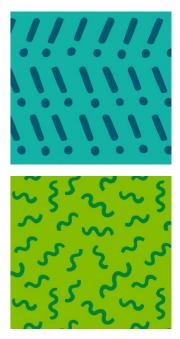
Photography





Patterns







Logo Pearson BTEC primary logo

Our Pearson BTEC primary logo Pearson BTEC primary logo Logo lock up: Spacing between the Pearson logotype consists of four elements: the and brand name has been carefully Interrobang Pearson logotype interrobang, thumbprint, Pearson considered and follows strict spacing logotype, and brand name. adherence in order to protect trademarks. Always use the artwork files and do not re-create this logo lock up. The interrobang and thumbprint Pearson represent the fun and discovery of learning. These are balanced by a serif logotype reflecting Pearson's heritage and expertise. BTEC 1. Logo clearspace When you place our logo in a design, make sure you give it room to breathe; we call this "clearspace." Thumbprint Brand name Always leave a clearspace area equal to the cap height of the Pearson logotype "P." 2 Logo clearspace 2. Minimum size We want people to see our logo clearly across all our communications. To make sure it's visible to everyone, we have a Pearson minimum size for print and digital formats. Pearson BTEC There will be occasional exceptions, such as merchandise and stationery, but please stick BTEC to the minimum sizes wherever possible. 49 px/15 mm Minimum size Minimum width of Pearson logotype 49 px. Logo clearspace = to the cap height Minimum width of Pearson logotype 15 mm. of the Pearson logotype "P"

Digital:

Print:



Logo Logo files

There are four color options of the primary Pearson BTEC logo.

1-2. Color BTEC logos The color versions are the preferred choice.

For light image/illustration/color backgrounds use the logo with the black Pearson BTEC logotype.

For dark image/illustration/color backgrounds use the logo with the white Pearson BTEC logotype.

3-4. Mono BTEC logos

Use when a color production isn't an option.

5. Approved color backgrounds

Examples of which color Pearson BTEC logo (black or white logotype) to use on each of our primary backgrounds.

* Illustrations shown here are for demonstration purposes only and are not licensed to be used beyond this guidance document. The current illustrations cannot be amended in terms of color treatment so new illustrations should be commissioned for BTEC using the relevant colors.

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To download the logo files, please click on the folder above.

Pearson BTEC primary black logo











4 Pearson BTEC primary mono logo reversed







Chalk White



Ice Blue



Midnight Blue



Graphite Gray

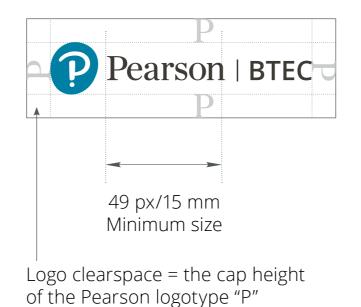
Logo Horizontal logo

Usage of the primary logo is preferred and helps to create consistency across touch points, but it may not always be practical. The horizontal version of the logo provides flexibility to meet the creative needs of our communications in constrained environments (e.g. digital or mobile applications, signage, etc.) Use your best judgment when choosing the most appropriate version.

Pearson BTEC horizontal logo



Clearspace and minimum size



Pearson | BTEC



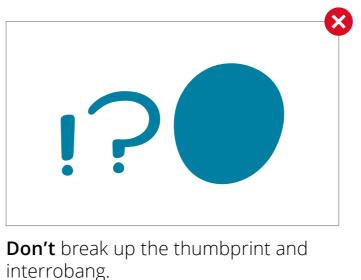
Example applications



Innovation through collaboration

Logo Don'ts

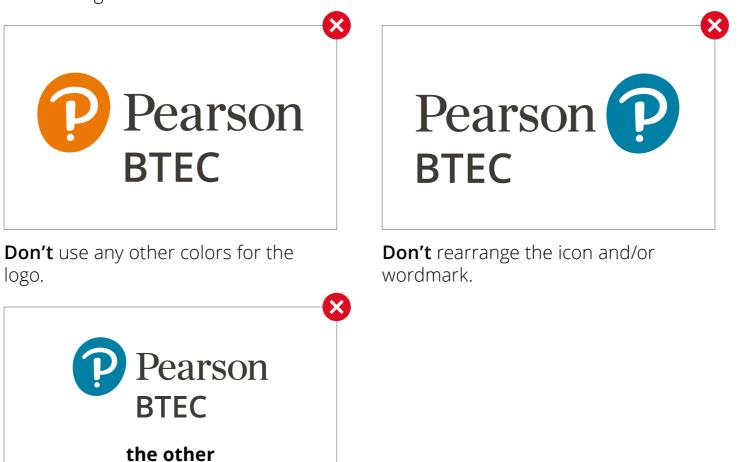
Our logo is central to our brand, so please take care when using it. Here you'll find some things to avoid.





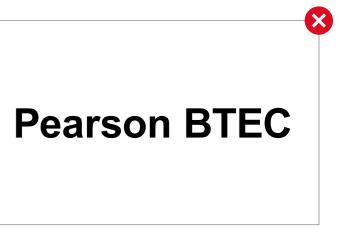
Don't recreate the thumbprint icon.





Don't lock in a company unit name.

brand mark



Don't recreate the wordmark.



Don't use any secondary colors as a background for the logo.

Color

Color Overview

Our brand color palettes are vibrant and diverse, and they have been carefully chosen to provide flexibility and variety when creating communications.

1. Brand colors

These form our brand logo and play key roles in our communications.

2. Primary colors

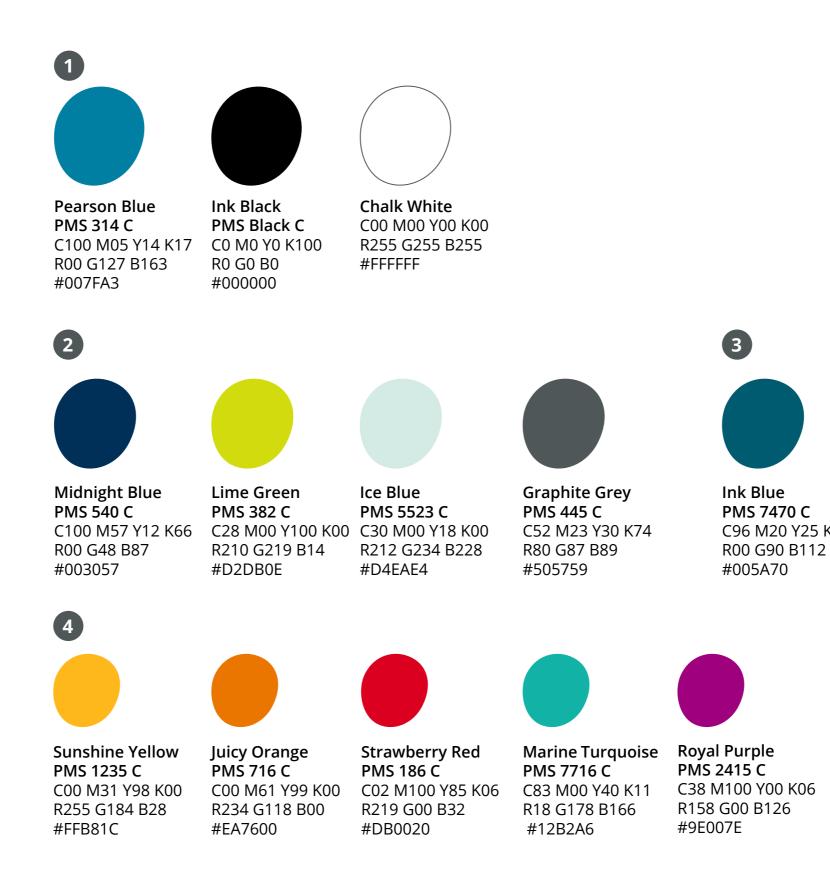
Most commonly used throughout our communications. Note the brand color Chalk White may be used as a primary color in the BTEC system.

3. Supporting colors

These offer greater choice where extra variety is required.

4. Accent colors

These bright colors allow us to draw attention to specific pieces of information, e.g., digital navigation buttons and calls to action. They should not be used as background colors, or across larger areas.







Grass Green PMS 340 C C99 M00 Y84 K00 R00 G134 B56 #008638



Hot Pink PMS Rubine Red C C00 M100 Y22 K03 R234 G06 B126 #EA067E



Fresh Green PMS 376 C C54 M00 Y100 K00 R132 G189 B00 #84BD00

Color Color usage

All of our colors are important, but some have specific roles within our brand.

Brand colors

Pearson Blue is an important color for BTEC, as it appears on the thumbprint of our logo. To help our logo stand out, we avoid using large areas of Pearson Blue as a background near our logo. It can be used for text and backgrounds when not appearing near our logo. Use Chalk White as a background for digital and print communications to provide freshness and standout. For legibility, Ink Black is the preferred color for type.

Primary colors

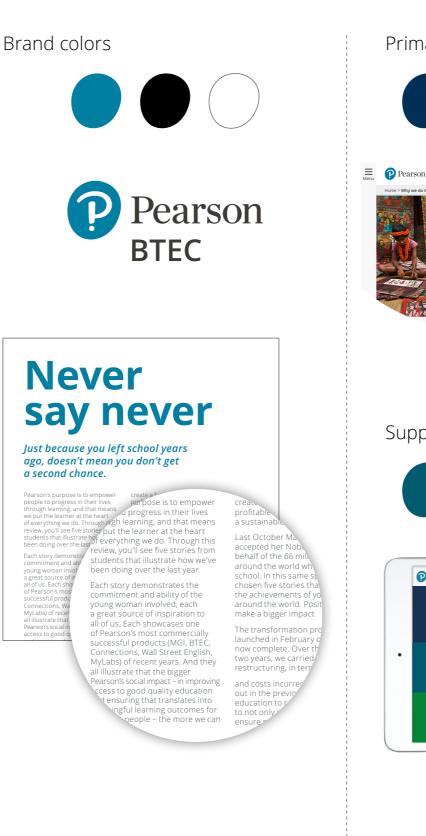
These are the most dominant colors across our brand. Use these primary colors in illustrations, print, digital and merchandise.

Supporting colors

Use the supporting colors in conjunction with the primary colors when an extended color selection is required for variety, e.g., in a scrolling website, digital presentation with multiple pages, or a printed brochure.

Accent colors

Use accent colors to draw attention to specific pieces of information, e.g., digital navigation buttons and calls to action. Accent colors should <u>not</u> be used in large quantities. i.e., no more than 20% of your format.





Accent colors

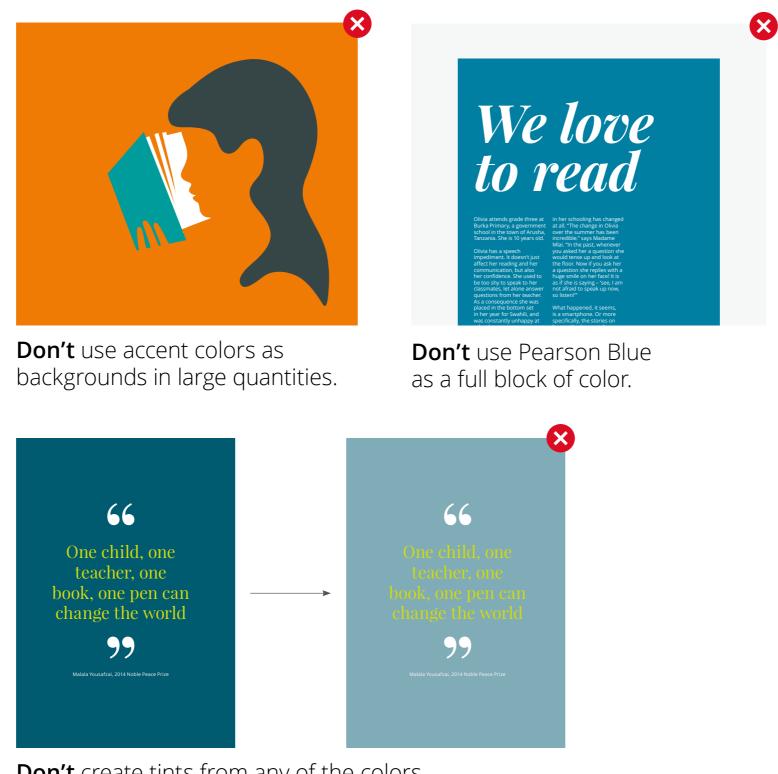






Colors Don'ts

Here are some of the things to avoid when applying our colors to communications.



Don't create tints from any of the colors.



Intellect

Gifted children tend to have advanced language and thought patterns. This reflects not only pid vocabulary and know ent but also abstract ig such as the ability to solv ns, think about their own ng (metacognition), and make en seemingly related ideas.

These students may also have developed early abilities in reading, writing, mathematics, music, or art. They tend to be eager to learn, able to work independently, be curious with a good memory, long attentior span, and good judgment.

Gifted children tend to be quick and logical thinkers. Combined with

their desire for learning, this car lead them to frequently ask "Why questions or seek to understand use-and-effect relationships at a early age.

Motivation

Another important characteristic of most gifted students is their ivation and persistence, or tasl commitment. A natural intellect, it ould seem, is not enough. In fact for students with high intelligence one of the primary factors that separated the successful from the less successful is motivation

Gifted students tend to have an intrinsic motivation-that is, the engage in tasks for the sake of learning rather than external

Don't use color combinations in text that don't pass accessibility standards.

Typography

Typography Our brand typefaces

Fonts—and how we use them—make a visual impact just like our logo and color palette. Always use these fonts when creating BTEC communications to maintain visual brand consistency. For more detailed information, see the Pearson Brand Guidelines.



What they are

Our brand typefaces; Playfair Display and Open Sans.

Use for

All internally produced documentation (e.g., websites, uneditable digital documents, professionally printed material, trade shows, and environments).

What they are

Typefaces for use when the Pearson typefaces are not suitable or not available.

Use for

Documents that incorporate editable "live type" content (e.g., agendas, invoices, PowerPoint presentations, Word documents, and press releases) to ensure the document can be viewed properly.

Typefaces in use in BTEC material



How they are used more dominantly.



Both Open Sans and Playfair Display can be used in a variety of ways, however BTEC uses Open Sans

Typography Colorways and accessibility

All the messaging you create must be clear, legible, and accessible to everyone.

All of the color combinations shown here have achieved the required AA accessibility rating. You should only use these color combinations when applying type. Light type on dark backgrounds



Type Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF **Background Color** Pearson Blue | #007FA3



Chalk White | #FFFFFF Lime Green | #D2DB0E **Background Color**

Background Color Midnight Blue | #003057 Midnight Blue | #003057



Type Color

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

Background Color

Ink Black | #000000

Type Color

Midnight Blue | #003057

Background Color

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4



Type Color

Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Background Color

Graphite Grey | #505759

Type Color Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

Type Color

Background Color Graphite Grey | #505759



Background Color Ink Blue | #005A70

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Type Color

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

Background Color

Midnight Blue | #003057



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Type Color

Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Background Color

Ink Black | #000000

Grass Green | #008638



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Type Color Graphite Grey | #505759 **Background Color**

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

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Type Color Ink Blue | #005A70 **Background Color**

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

Midnight Blue | #003057 Background Color Lime Green | #D2DB0E

Dark type on white backgrounds



Type Color Pearson Blue | #007FA3 Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Type Color Midnight Blue | #003057

Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF



Type Color Ink Black | #000000

Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF



Type Color

Graphite Grey | #505759

Background Color

Chalk White | #FFFFFF



Type Color Ink Blue | #005A70

Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Typography

A a Type Color Ink black | #000000

Background Color Ice Blue | #D4EAE4



Type Color Lime Green | #D2DB0E **Background Color**

Ink Black | #000000



Type Color Ink Black | #000000 **Background Color** Lime Green | #D2DB0E



Type Color Graphite Grey | #505759 Background Color Lime Green | #D2DB0E



Type Color Grass Green | #008638 **Background Color** Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Typography Colorways and accessibility

You may occasionally need to use additional colorways to draw close attention to important smaller elements, e.g., buttons on websites or small subheadings in print documents. In these instances, use colors from our accent palette using only the combinations listed on this page if those items include type.

Accent colors in use

Use accents sparingly on large areas of background and big blocks of copy and at a small scale to provide a standout pop of color.

*Please note that the Hot Pink accent color can be used only in large text executions.

Accent colors



Type Color Ink Black | #000000 **Background Color**

Type Color Midnight Blue | #003057

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Sunshine Yellow | #FFB81C Sunshine Yellow | #FFB81C



Juicy Orange | #EA7600



Type Color

Background Color

Ink Black | #000000



Type Color

Background Color

Midnight Blue | #003057

Type Color Sunshine Yellow | #FFB81C Sunshine Yellow | #FFB81C Juicy Orange | #EA7600

> **Background Color** Midnight Blue | #003057

> > Type Color

Graphite Grey | #505759

Type Color

Ice Blue | #D4EAE4

Background Color

Ink Blue | #005A70



Type Color Midnight Blue | #003057



Type Color Ink Black | #000000 **Background Color**

Background Color Lime Green | #D2DB0E Lime Green | #D2DB0E



Type Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Background Color Graphite Grey | #505759



Type Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF Background Color

Grass Green | #008638



Type Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF





Type Color Midnight Blue | #003057 Background Color



Type Color Hot Pink | #EA067E

Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Type Color

Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Background Color

Royal Purple | #9E007E



Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Type Color Graphite Grey | #505759 Background Color





Type Color Ink Blue | #005A70 **Background Color** Chalk White | #FFFFFF



Type Color



Background Color Strawberry Red | #DB0020

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Type Color Royal Purple | #9E007E

> **Background Color** Chalk White | #FFFFFF



Type Color Grass Green | #008638

Background Color Chalk White | #FFFFFF

Typography Don'ts

Here are some of the things to avoid when using type in our communications.

EDUCATION IS A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY THAT SHOULD NEVER END

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Don't use all uppercase text in large areas of copy, as it will be hard to read and can come across as aggressive.

Don't use color combinations that do not pass accessibility standards.

Aiming

Higher

Don't use so many colors within headlines that it makes it distracting to read the message.

Aiming *Higher*

Looking into the human brain

New scientists have been looking into the way the brain retains information. How we gather and store our thoughts and process information throughout

Don't use more than a couple of colors, weights and styles together. It will distract from the message and appear messy.

Don't expand or stretch type.

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X



We're Aiming Higher **Every day**



Aiming **Looking into the human brain** New scientists have been looking into the way the brain retains information. How we gather and store our thoughts and process information throughout our everyday lives.

Don't put text items too close together or too far apart from each other.

Photography

Photography Lifestyle imagery

Lifestyle imagery is an important part of our brand and is a powerful tool to help us engage with different audiences around the world.

The moodboard on the right has been carefully selected to ensure imagery is on brand and emotionally engaging, and that it creates a lasting impression. Imagery from current BTEC libraries can be used as well as relevant imagery downloaded from the Pearson brand hub.

Crediting

All imagery downloaded from the brand hub must be credited.

Brand imagery rights

All internal and external deliverables which use these brand assets must align with Pearson's global rights strategy. Please contact your local R&P team to review rights needed for your end product.

For more information on Pearson's photography style and how to credit photography please refer to the *Pearson Brand Guidelines*.













Illustrations

Illustrations Commissioning

Illustration is an important part of our brand, and it's an effective tool for interpreting complex themes. We have created a library of brand illustrations from our approved roster of illustrators which you can download from the hub.

Commissioning brand illustrators

As well as using illustrations from our library, you can commission new work from our approved brand illustrators. A brief template has been created and should be used for any new requests.

Commissioning alternative illustrators

Please, for any commissions, consider our roster illustrators first. They have been carefully selected to complement our visual identity. However you may also commission independent illustrators. Any illustrations created this way must be approved by the central brand team, please email brandhelp@pearson.com. These illustrations must also follow the guidance outlined in our brief template.

Crediting

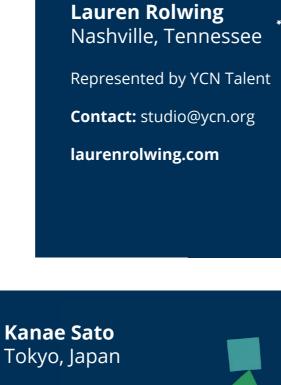
Remember to always credit illustrators for the use of their images, to find out more, see the Pearson Brand Guidelines.

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To download illustrations, please click the folder above.

To download the Pearson illustration commissions brief template, please click the folder above.

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Patterns

Patterns Themes

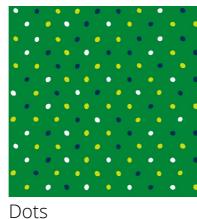
These are Pearson's bespoke patterns. Created by hand, they are inspired by topics from the world of learning and come in a range of colorways to suit different types and tones of communications.

They are approved elements, and artwork should not be altered nor should new patterns be created.

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To download the pattern artwork files, please click on the folder above.

Multicolored

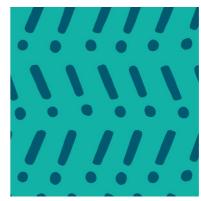




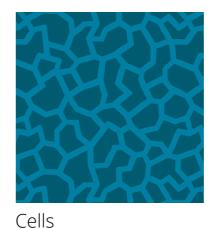








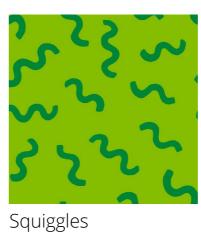
Exclamations



Waves

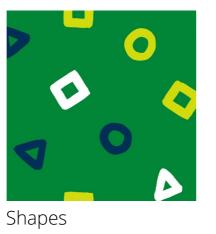


Atoms





Radials



Thumbprints



Connections





Topography



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Pictograms

Pictograms Creating pictograms

Pictograms are simplified illustrations representing real-life elements, but which provide freedom from showing specific products, places, and people.

They have an inclusive, global reach, but unlike illustrations, do not need to express a complex theme or idea.

Here is some guidance on creating pictograms.

1. Recognition

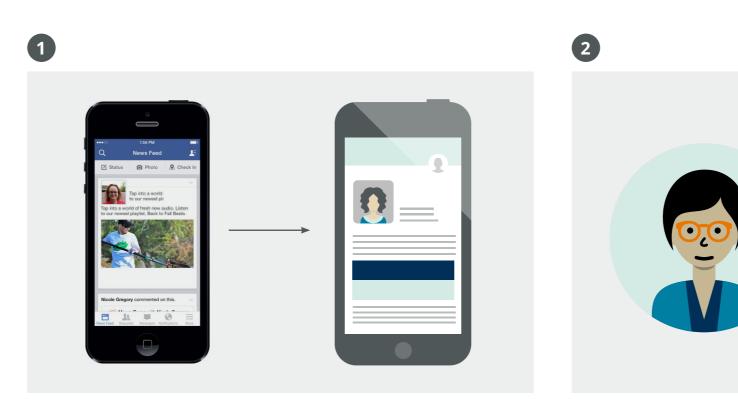
Your pictogram should be a simplified true representation of your subject. Note: if you are illustrating a product (e.g., iPhone), do not include the branding or logo.

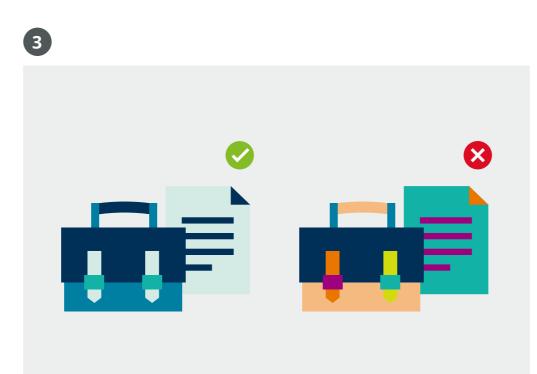
2. Graphic style

Keep to a flat, simple graphic style. Do not add textures, gradients or too much detail that will distract from simple communication.

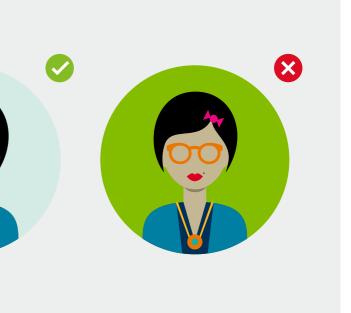
3. Colorways

All BTEC pictograms should predominantly use colors from the primary and secondary BTEC palettes. You can add accent colors, but use them sparingly.





Pictograms



Key visual elements toolkit

Key visual elements toolkit Overview

Our visual elements bring our content to life and help to create a lasting impression of our brand. Here is some guidance on how and when it's appropriate to use each visual element.

Illustrations



What they are Illustrated interpretations of complex themes.

Use for

Interpreting complex themes e.g., "Find the keys to the real world." See the Illustrations section.

Note: The current illustrations <u>cannot</u> be amended in terms of color treatment.

Pictograms

The global employer

Pearson is highly regarded for delivering leading-edge solutions to educational institutions, corporations, and other organizations all across the world.



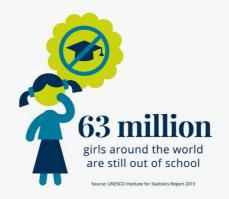
What they are Simplified visual illustrations representing real-life elements.

Use for

People, places, and objects where literal representation is necessary. They should not be used for complex themes and ideas. See the Pictograms section.

Infographics

The UN suggests that even more girls are in school than ever before, but are they right?



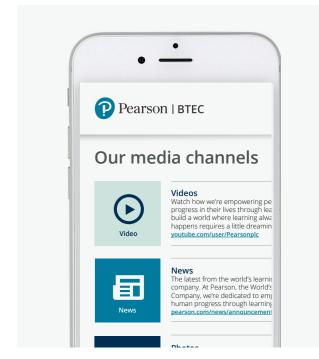
What they are

Visual interpretations of facts and data.

Use for

Interpreting complex facts in an engaging easy to understand way. See the *Pearson Brand Guidelines*.

Iconography



What they are

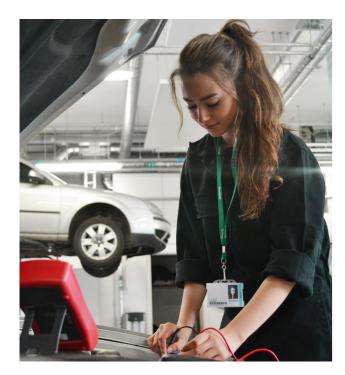
Simplified visual representations of objects for use at small size.

Use for

Simplifying and aiding navigation and quickly identifying the BTEC brand. See the *Pearson Brand Guidelines*.

Key visual elements toolkit Overview

Photography



What they are Photographic imagery.

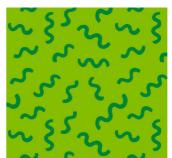
Use for

Creating immediate emotional engagement with your audience. See the Photography section.

Patterns



Use for Decorative elements to help enliven plain space and retain a link to the brand. See the Patterns section.



What they are

Hand drawn patterns.

Appendix

Accessibility Accessibility for all

When we create digital communications or learning products, we want to make sure these are accessible and usable for people of all abilities.

Pearson has made a public commitment to meet global accessibility standards. This is why every element of our brand's visual identity has been tested to ensure we meet a minimum AA accessibility rating.

We are all individually responsible for making sure everything we produce meets accessibility standards. Shown here are the ways you can get help and advice on accessibility.

For more advice and information, please email <u>brandhelp@pearson.com</u>.

Information and toolkits

You can find more information about accessibility on the following websites with straightforward guidance, help, and handy tools to get you started.

Explore Pearson's accessibility guidelines for eLearning

These guidelines were created to guide Pearson's development teams and are updated regularly with new techniques. They are public so that customers and others can see what we're working toward and will, we hope, find them useful for their own elearning projects. http://accessibility.pearson.com/guidelines

Getting started: Introduction to accessibility concepts & tools

Get help setting up your computer for accessible design, development, and software quality engineering by installing simple tools, such as:

Contrast analyzer

https://www.paciellogroup.com/ resources/contrastanalyser/

Color oracle http://colororacle.org

http://accessibility.pearson.com/ gettingstarted

Specialized advice for Pearson employees

Pearson has trained accessibility specialists who will be happy to help if you have questions.

Global Product Accessibility Information Hub

Find more information on Neo. https://neo.pearson.com/groups/ accessibility-info

Accessibility Courses on Pearson U

There are a number of accessibility courses available on Pearson U including Accessibility for HTML, App and JavaScript developers, etc. https://neo.pearson.com/docs/

<u>DOC-688618</u>

Accessibility

Contact a specialist directly

There are many Accessibility Specialists across Pearson. You may have a specialist right in your department <u>https://neo.pearson.com/docs/</u> <u>DOC-387029</u>

Appendix Credits

Photography credits

p. 9 In "Photography" and "Holding devices" visuals: Christof van der Walt (T), Daryn Castle (B)

p. 10 In "Overview" visuals: Holly Powers (T), Amitava Chandra (TC), Christof van der Walt and Sudipto Das (TR booklet), Juan Jose Pantino Vallejo (C banner), Puranjit Gangopadhyay and Amitava Chandra (RC web), Sharon Bathily and Ashutosh Sharma (BL), Sudipto Das and Micaela Plachetko (BC)

p. 13 In "Pearson BTEC primary black logo" visual: Christof Van Der Walt, in "Pearson BTEC primary white logo" visual: Daryn Castle

p. 14 In "Example applications" visual: Christof van der Walt

p. 8 In "Primary colors" visuals: Amitava Chandra (TC)

p. 21 In "Using system fonts" visual: Daryn Castle (C), in "Typefaces in use in BTEC material" visuals: Mansour Bethoney and Christof van der Walt (L)

p. 26 Christof Van Der Walt (TL), Daryn Castle (TR), Stanislav Juga (LC), Christof van der Walt (RC), Mansour Bethoney (BL), Christof Van Der Walt (BR)

p. 34 In "Dot holding devices in use" visuals: Amitava Chandra (BL), in "Bar holding devices in use" visual: Amitava Chandra and Mansour Bethoney (BR)

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p. 18 In "Accent colors" visual: Ben Wiseman (L)

p. 24 Ben Wiseman (BL), Lauren Rolwing (BC)

p. 28 Lauren Rolwing (TL), Tang Yau Hoong (TR), Kanae Sato (LC), Ben Wiseman (C), Lucy Vigrass (B)

p. 36 In "Illustrations" visual: Lucy Vigrass

Credits key:

(T) Top
(B) Bottom
(L) Left
(R) Right
(C) Center
(TL) Top Left
(TR) Top Right
(TC) Top Center
(BL) Bottom Left
(BR) Bottom Right
(BC) Bottom Center
(LC) Left Center
(RC) Right Center

For additional information giving credit to illustrators and photographers, see the *Pearson Brand Guidelines*.

Contact us

If you have any questions about this document or how to implement the BTEC brand identities, please get in touch with the Pearson brand team by email at the address below:

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