

E-Readers and Talking books

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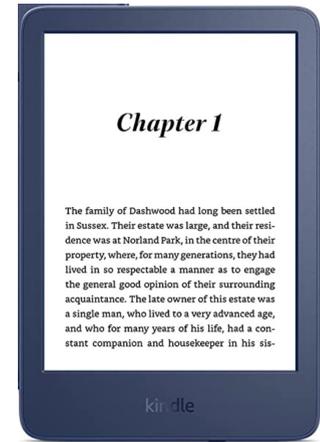
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E-Readers

- An e-Reader allows you to read a book or magazine on a device (phone, tablet, PC, Mac or a dedicated device).
- They allow you to carry hundreds of titles around with you as well as access an infinite store via the internet (ideal for holidays).
- They have many options, including increasing the font size for easier reading.
- The dominant player for e-Readers is Amazon with their Kindle products.

Dedicated e-Reader devices

- The most popular device is the Kindle which retails for £95, but much cheaper in sales such as Black Friday. It has an excellent ‘Paper White’ screen that is easy to read even in direct sunlight.
- There is also the Kindle Fire which has a colour screen. It doubles as a normal tablet, is good for Movies/TV and retails for about £64 for the 7”, £100 for the 8” version, £150 for the 10”.



How much does a Kindle book cost?

- Once you have bought your device or loaded the app onto your PC/mac/Phone/Tablet, many of the out of copyright titles are free, but you do need an Amazon account.
- Prime users also get one free premium book per month.
- Separately, you can take out a 'Kindle Unlimited' subscription for £9.50 / month to get unlimited access to Kindle books.
- If you do have to pay for a Kindle book it is typically 50p cheaper than the print version.
- Kindle also allows you to set up a Household or Family library to share books.

Audible or Spoken Books

- An audiobook is a book that's been read aloud and recorded by a narrator, often a famous actor/celebrity such as Stephen Fry.
- They are great for when you are on the move like in a car.
- The biggest player here is Audible by Amazon, this is another subscription service, this costs £8/month for 12 books/year, more can be added ad-hoc at a cost, but many are free. Prime subscribers get deals. They can be played on Phone, Tablet, PC, Mac and some Kindle devices.
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