

LIST3EFL - Practice 1: Paper Pages or Digital Screens?

Section 1: Warm-up

Discuss the following questions with a partner before listening:

- Do you prefer reading physical printed books or reading on a screen (phone, tablet, or e-reader)? Why?
- What are the main benefits and drawbacks of using an e-reader compared to a traditional paperback?
- How much time do you spend looking at digital devices each day for study and leisure?



Section 2: Vocabulary in Context

Match each word or phrase from the conversation (1:6) with its correct definition (A:F).

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| 1. sceptic (adj) | A. To sit or lie in a comfortable, curved position |
| 2. convert (n) | B. Make luggage or bags heavy and burdensome |
| 3. weigh down (ph. v) | C. A person who doubts accepted opinions or new ideas |
| 4. gadget (n) | D. Someone who has changed their attitude or belief |
| 5. plugged in (ph. v) | E. A small, useful electronic or mechanical tool |
| 6. curling up (ph. v) | F. Constantly connected to or using electronic devices |

1: _____	2: _____	3: _____	4: _____	5: _____	6: _____
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Listening Strategy Tip: Gist vs Detail

• **Gist:** Focus on the big picture, the speakers' overall relationship, their tones, and the main argument. Do not stop to worry about unfamiliar words. • **Detail:** Identify the missing grammar category (noun, number, adjective) in the statements. Listen out for synonyms and rephrased statements rather than exact matches.

Section 3: Listening for Gist

Listen to the conversation between Lucy and her aunt Rachel. Choose the correct option (**A**, **B**, or **C**) for each question.

1. Why did Lucy meet Auntie Rachel at the beginning of the recording?

- A** To borrow a new novel **B** To return a borrowed book **C** To ask for digital advice

2. Why is Lucy surprised by Auntie Rachel's new reading habit?

- A** Rachel used to dislike screens **B** Rachel rarely reads books **C** Rachel cannot afford gadgets

3. How did Auntie Rachel acquire her Kindle?

- A** She bought it in a sale **B** Lucy gave it to her **C** It was a birthday present

4. What role did Rachel play in Lucy's childhood?

- A** She inspired Lucy to love books **B** She ran the local town library **C** She bought Lucy her first iPad

5. What is Rachel's main practical reason for using an e-reader?

- A** It helps her read faster **B** It is easier for travel **C** It replaces her mobile phone

6. Why does Lucy still favour printed books?

- A** They are cheaper than files **B** Her college forbids devices **C** She enjoys screen-free breaks

7. What does Lucy say about reading on digital screens outdoors?

- A** Screens are hard to read in the sun **B** Sunlight causes battery drain **C** E-readers break in hot weather

8. Overall, how would you describe the tone and outcome of the conversation?

- A** An angry dispute about costs **B** A serious academic debate **C** An affectionate, friendly debate

Section 4: Listening for Specific Information

Listen to the recording again. Complete each sentence with **no more than three words** from the conversation. Do not use proper nouns.

1. Rachel tells Lucy that she can keep the borrowed novel or _____ to another reader.
2. Lucy says her iPad Mini does a similar _____ as an e-reader.
3. In the past, Rachel considered herself a true _____ who insisted on turning real physical pages.
4. Rachel felt delighted with her device as soon as she _____ her very first book.
5. Using an e-reader means that heavy physical books no longer make Rachel's _____ heavy when travelling.
6. Digital downloads offer a distinct financial advantage because they cost roughly _____ of printed editions.
7. Rachel had the idea that young people lived _____ to their devices.
8. Lucy describes relaxing in bed with a good novel or reading outside in the sun as _____.

Section 5: Listening Takeaway & Reflection

Choose one question you answered correctly.
What did you hear that helped you?

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Choose one thing you didn't understand at first.
What helped you understand it later?

- ☐ I heard it again.
- ☐ I used the context.
- ☐ I understood another word/phrase.
- ☐ I connected it to something the speaker said earlier.
- ☐ Other:

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