

Gap-fill

You will hear someone talking about her views on an aspect of technology. For questions 1 – 8, complete the sentences.

The speaker was concerned that digital books would eventually replace _____ books.

In addition to the feel and smell of paper books, the speaker has always loved their _____.

The speaker states that because people are increasingly reading e-books, paper books are _____ in popularity.

She thinks the advantages of e-books _____ the disadvantages.

When the speaker received an e-book reader as a present, she was _____ immediately.

As well as reading in _____ again, the speaker has begun to read the novels she meant to read when she was young.

The speaker says that _____ to newer technology is bad for the planet.

The speaker now only reads paper books when she is at the _____.



The Black Death

You will hear a radio interview about the Black Death. For questions 1-6, choose the best answer a, b, c or d.

1. What does the interviewer say about the Black Death?
 - a. It has killed more people than any other plague.
 - b. It is the most recent form of plague to affect Europe.
 - c. It has been completely wiped out.
 - d. It mainly affected people in medieval London.



2. What did the research Sue talks about involve?
 - a. digging up a whole graveyard
 - b. examining victims' bone structure
 - c. conducting tests on bacteria from plague victims' bones and teeth
 - d. taking samples from skeletons of victims in various locations
3. How many people are infected by the Black Death today?
 - a. 13,000
 - b. 3,000
 - c. 30,000,000
 - d. 1340
4. What conclusion have researchers drawn about the Black Death?
 - a. It's just as deadly today as it was in the past.
 - b. It has changed very slightly since medieval times.
 - c. It affects people in more countries than it used to.
 - d. It is now much more deadly than it was in the past.
5. There are fewer deaths from the plague today because
 - a. the symptoms are less severe.
 - b. it is treatable with antibiotics.
 - c. there are fewer rodents than in medieval times.
 - d. people in general are more knowledgeable about its causes.
6. How did a 50-year-old man contract the plague?
 - a. He was bitten by an infected cat.
 - b. He touched a dead mouse.
 - c. He was bitten by fleas.
 - d. It is not clear.