

Write A paragraph expressing opinion

A. Discuss.

- Which of the statements below about e-books do you agree with most?

E-books are green and some are even free! They're the best!

There will always be the 'Oops, I dropped it!' problem. No, not for me.

What's all the fuss about? I think they're just a passing fad.

- Read the writing task below and underline the key words. Then read the two different opinions expressed in the paragraphs that follow. Which opinion do you agree with?

E-books are much better than paper books and will eventually replace them. Do you agree?

Opinion 1

E-books are becoming more and more popular, and there are many reasons for this. Firstly, e-books are more eco-friendly than paper books. By having electronic versions of books, we save paper, trees and, indirectly, our planet. Besides, e-books are in many ways more convenient than paper books. For instance, you can store thousands of e-books in the same space you would need for one paper book. Just think of how convenient that can be for school or when travelling. Furthermore, in addition to online bookshops, many lending libraries also have e-book collections now. In other words, if you want to buy or borrow a book, you don't have to wait for opening hours or delivery. The way I see it, e-books are the future and will eventually take the place of paper books.

Opinion 2

Many people are quick to say that e-books will soon replace paper books. I, however, am not one of them. It may be true that e-books have certain advantages over paper books, but paper books are not threatened by them. First of all, we must not forget that paper books are a part of our culture and heritage; our libraries hold great cultural and historical treasures. Apart from that, there's the reading experience: book lovers know that there is nothing like curling up on the sofa with a good book, feeling the touch of the pages and smelling the paper. That's something e-books cannot provide. Finally, e-books require expensive e-book readers, which can easily be damaged if you drop them. Also, their batteries need charging regularly, which can be very inconvenient. Personally, I believe that paper books will remain the main form of reading for most people.

- Look at the words highlighted in the paragraphs and use them to complete the table below.

LINKING WORDS / PHRASES

Listing / Adding points:

_____ to begin / start with; secondly, _____, in addition, moreover, _____, lastly, last but not least, _____

Expressing contrast:

_____ but, although, while, on the one hand, on the other hand

Giving examples:

_____, for example, such as _____

Giving opinion:

_____, in my opinion / view, from my point of view