Listen to a radio show discussing the gadget in the picture. answer the questions.



a What exactly is the gadget?
It is an __-_____ OR an e_____ _____ device.

b What can it do? Complete the blanks with the words in the box.

Read	screen	digital	stores	sunlight	newspapers

It _____ books, magazines, _____, and other reading material and allows you to _____ it on a _____ screen. It can automatically download the latest version of newspapers and magazines. The _____ has no light and can even be read in strong _____.

c How do the two people feel about it?
The man is skeptical; he prefers r_____ a traditional p_____ book. The woman is very e_____.

Listen again and complete notes on …
a the arguments put forward in favor of the device.
It stores a _____ books
No more hunting around in _____,
no more _____ bookshelves,
it fits in your _____ or purse
you take it with you _____
you can _____ local guidebooks from the internet,
the screen _____ _____ light
it's _____ friendly

b the arguments put forward against the device.
there's no replacing the feel of _____ in our hands.
looking at a small screen can't possibly be _____ for our eyes, it's like sitting in front of a _____ for hours

Look at the extracts (a–f) from the radio show in exercise 1. Who is speaking each time: the man or the woman? What do the words and expressions in bold mean?

a What cool new gadget are you going to **wow** us with today?

b Books have **gone digital**.

c You've been reading too much **hype**!

d I really don't think any device, no matter how **slick** and quick and easy to use, can possibly replace a much-loved book.

e Not to speak of the mountains and mountains of newspapers **trashed** every single day.

f You're definitely **sold on the idea.**

___ impressive and clever
___ convinced about something
___ surprise and amaze
___ thrown away as waste
___ converted to digital technology
___ promotional information

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