

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