Print or Digital? What the Research Tells Us

Part 1: Comparison Charts

Read the article again. Fill in each blank with a word or number from the text.

	Print (traditional textbooks)	**Digital sources**
What students *believe* about reading speed	Slower	Students believe they can read _____ from a digital source.
Cost	More _____	Less _____
Reliability of sources	Materials created by established educational publishers	Random websites can be less _____
Number of students tested in the recent study	_____ university students	_____ university students
Comprehension of **main ideas** (text longer than one page)	Equally _____	Equally _____
Memory for **key details / specific information**	Students performed _____	Students performed _____
What happens when reading	Readers turn the _____ of a book	Readers _____ through the pages
Effect on attention	Fewer distractions	Scrolling disrupts students' _____; _____ draw their focus away from the original article

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	Print (traditional textbooks)	Digital sources
Highlighting	Easy to _____ or highlight important points and find them again	(not mentioned as an advantage)
Ownership after the course	Students can _____ their book after the course is finished	Many e-textbooks are only available for one _____, then students lose _____

Part 2: Advantages and Disadvantages

Phrase Bank

These phrases come from the article. Read them, then write

- PA if the statement is about the Advantage of Print books.
- PD if the statement is about the Disadvantage of Print books.
- DA if the statement is about the Advantage of Digital boooks
- DD if the statement is about the Disadvantages of Digital boooks

1. "attractive and less expensive"
2. "can be less trustworthy"
3. "can read faster"
4. "speed doesn't improve learning outcomes"
5. "performed better when they had learned from print"
6. "scrolling through digital material disrupts students' attention"
7. "hyperlinks that distract students"
8. "easier to underline or highlight important points"

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9. "find them again when they need to study"
10. "keep their book after the course is finished"
11. "only available for one semester"
12. "students lose access"
13. "advantages of cost and convenience"
14. "materials created by established educational publishers"

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