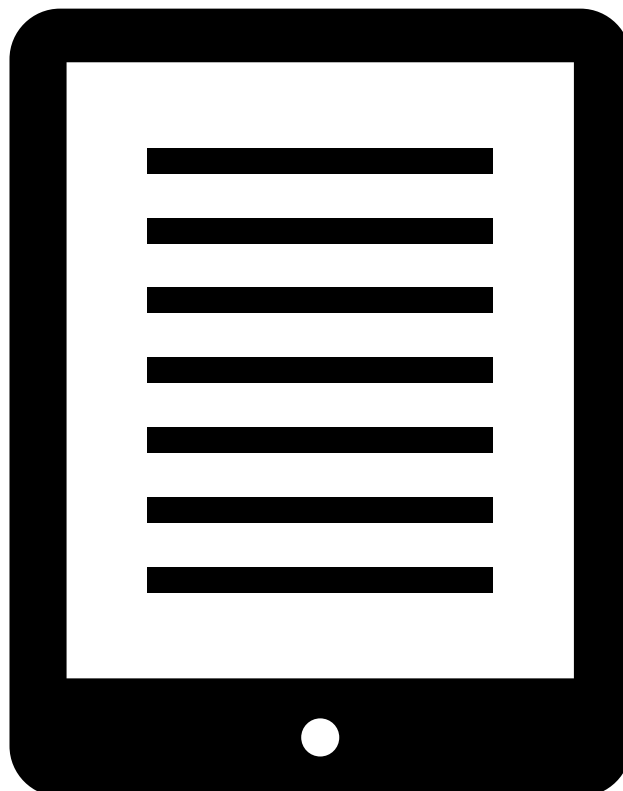


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Is a Kindle for you?

As Kindle's grow as an increasingly popular replacement to physical books, this guide will help you to decide whether this device is right for you



What is a Kindle?

Kindle's are a series of e-readers designed by Amazon. Although other brands of e-readers exist, Kindle's are by far the most popular and well-known.

Kindle's look like large mobile phones or tablets, as they most often have one large rectangular screen with several buttons on the body.

On these Kindle's you can access millions of books from your fingertips on a small, light, and mobile device.

Using an internet connection, you can download books onto the Kindle. Once they are downloaded, you can read these books anywhere you like

Pros of a Kindle

Mobility

Thanks to its small size and light weight, Kindle's can be taken almost anywhere, whether it be to a cafe, on holiday, or to the library. Their weight is often lighter than a book. Hence, if you have downloaded ten books on your Kindle, it would be a whole lot lighter than carrying ten physical books!

Access to books

You can access millions of books on Kindle's. But rather than having to go out to the shops to buy a book, or wait for a delivery to arrive, you can simply download it straight onto your Kindle device, to be read almost immediately.

Read anywhere

As the Kindle screen emits light, it allows you to read your books anywhere you like, including in the dark. No need for a lamp, the Kindle can be read at any time of day in any environment.



Cons of a Kindle

Price

Although the price can vary immensely depending on the model, you will likely have to fork out at least £70 for a Kindle. In fact, the cheaper models often come with Ads, and so if you would find this irritating you would be looking at an even higher price. This is not including the price of each individual book

Screen

Some models of the Kindle have 'Paperwhite' screens, which supposedly 'reads like real paper'. However, the cheaper models have the screens you find on smartphones. Hence, reading a book on these screens for long periods of time could make your eyes strained and tired.

The charm of physical books

Although the attraction of Kindle's are convenience, representative of modern day technology, for many they still struggle to emulate the enjoyment of reading from a physical book. Nor do they allow for the joys of shopping for books in a physical shop, finding cheap gems from a charity book shop, or building up a library of books in your home. Of course, this depends on the person and what they value.



Summary

Despite their price and potential issues with the screen, for many Kindle's are an easy and convenient way to access millions of books from the touch of their finger. For others, Kindle's cannot replicate the charm of a physical book, the joys of browsing book stores and building your personal, physical library. Hence, to decide whether a Kindle is right for you, you must decide whether convenience trumps these negatives.

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