

Various Definitions of e-Reader

An e-reader (electronic reader) is a device for reading content, such as [e-books](#), newspapers and documents. A standalone e-reader typically has wireless connectivity for downloading content and conducting other Web-based tasks. Popular dedicated e-readers include Amazon's Kindle and Sony Reader.

Mobile devices that can display text, such as smartphones and PDAs, can also function as e-readers.

PC Magazine: A handheld device specialized for reading electronic books. Unlike tablet computers, one of the major advantages of e-book readers is their extremely long battery life, up to a month in some cases.

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- An e-book reader, also called an e-book device or e-reader, is an electronic device that is designed primarily for the purpose of reading digital books and periodicals and uses e-ink technology to display content to readers. ...
 - e-reader - A hardware device used to read e-books. An e-Reader is a device category similar to laptop, netbook, notebook, and desktop computer
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Instructional Material Bureau definition chart

Characteristic	Comment	Include in our definition?
handheld electronic device		yes
specialized for reading e-books		
uses e-ink		
wireless		
web-based		
