

eReader/Tablet Feature Comparisons
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Device	Nexus 7	iPad
Network Capabilities	WiFi/Micro-USB; cellular optional; can use Google CloudPrint Service; Bluetooth for wireless connection with certain peripherals	Content: WiFi, cellular data connection optional. Connect to computer with proprietary USB connection. Connect to projector with an adapter
File Types	Android operating system; Google Play apps pre-installed; ePub, Text (.TXT), PDF files	Works with almost anything except Flash. Some file formats require an additional app to access.
Readability?	Ability to resize text; 280-by-800 high-resolution display	Lots of options, depending upon what apps you use. Backlighting is available. May be useful to seniors but may cause eyestrain in some cases.
Color?	Yes	Yes
Audio/Video/Animation?	Yes; also has a camera and speaker	Yes; also has a camera and speaker
Navigation	Home icon provides access to a browser (Chrome), EBooks, eMagazines, Apps and Widgets, Vido, Music, and Google Play. A back icon works like the back button on a web browser. A recent apps icon facilitates easy	Touch screen
Content Availability	Millions of books and thousands of magazines are on Google play. Can also be used with lots of free and library provided ebooks, as well as content from other ebook vendors. Will need the Kindle app for ebooks from Amazon.	Broad. Access most of Amazon's eresource catalog, as well as many others, using apps. Access even more through the web browser included.
Portability/Locations	Device is 4.7 x 7.8 inches, though the screen itself is about 3.75 x 6 inches.	Can be taken nearly anywhere. May not do well in bright sunlight.

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Device	Kindle	Nook
Network Capabilities	Content: WiFi/USB Presentation: no projector.	Content: WiFi/USB Presentation: no projector.
File Types	Kindle (.AZW, .AZW1). Text (.TXT), Mobipocket(.MOBI, .PRC), .PDF	Has Video, audio, and File capabilities. Video: .3Gp, .MP4, .3G2, .FLV Audio: .FLV, .WAV et cetera Image: .JPEG, .GIF, .PNG, .BMP File: .pdf, .txt et cetera
Readability?	Ability to resize text.	Ability to resize text.
Color?	No	No
Audio/Video/Animation?	No	No
Navigation	Four menu buttons plus page buttons and a toggle mouse. Difficult to enter text.	Navigation buttons plus backlit touch screen allows, with 2 GB of RAM, for somewhat laggy performance.
Content Availability	Nearly two million ebooks and hundreds of magazines and newspapers	Nearly two million ebooks and hundreds of magazines and newspapers
Portability/Locations	Can be taken nearly anywhere. Does well in brightly lit locations. Not good in dim light.	Can be taken nearly anywhere. Does well in brightly lit locations. Not good in dim light. Cannot download eBooks out of the U.S.