# Lesson21 Books or Computers?



# How can we get knowledge?

By talking with others.
By watching TV.
By reading books.
By reading e-books.

### Without paper, how can we get knowledge?

#### By telling stories.





China was the first conutry that invented paper in Han Dynasty. It changed the world.

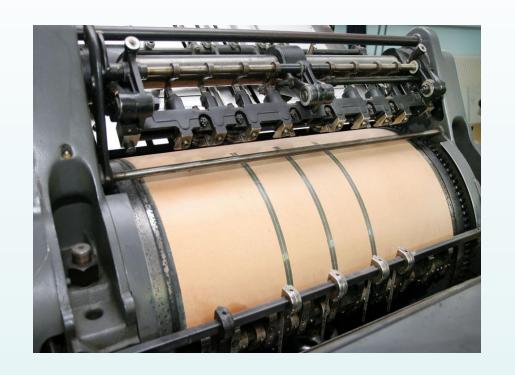


#### Words and phrases

by hand 用手; 手工 keep on 继续

In ancient times, people wrote word by hand.

To write one book, they usually kept on writing for a long time.

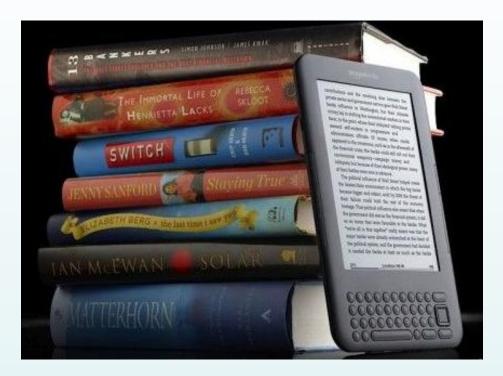


#### Words and phrases

modern adj.现代的

This is a <u>printing press</u>
With <u>moderntechnology</u>,
it was possible to <u>pass</u>
on knowledge.

printing press 印刷机 pass on 传递 by hand 用手; 手工 keep on 继续



But now a new kind of books <u>appeared</u>: the <u>electronic</u>book(e-book). It is easier for people to buy and sell online.

#### Words and phrases

morden adj.现代的 appear v.出现 electronic adj.电子的 sell v.出售

printing press 印刷机 pass on 传递 by hand 用手; 手工 keep on 继续

#### Read the passage and answer 3 questions.

1. How did people pass on their knowledge without books in ancient times?

By telling stories

- 2. What made it possible to print books quickly? *The printing press.*
- 3. What kind of books quickly changed people's reading habits?

The electronic books(e-books).

Read Passage1, 2 and 3 again and fill in the blanks.

With paper, people began to <u>write</u>

<u>down</u> their stories. People wrote

Paper each word <u>by hand</u>. It took a <u>long</u>

time to write one book. <u>Information</u>

couldn't travel <u>far</u>

When the printing press appeared, it changed the Printing world. The <u>modern</u> printing press can print books quickly, press and makes it possible for the common person to have easy access to read books.

**Computers** and the Internet changed the world. They made it possible for a new kind of Internet book: the electronic books. Traditionally books could only be bought and sold at the store, but today you can buy and sellbooks online

# Read the lesson and put the sentences in correct order.

- 3 It took a long time to write just one book.
- 5 It made it possible for common people to read books.
- 6 The e-book appeared.
- 1 People had no books, and they shared knowledge by telling stories.
- 4 The printing press appeared.
- 7 People download books from the Internet.
- 2 With paper, people began to write down stories.

| Talk with your partners | Advantage | Disadvantage |
|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Books                   |           |              |
| E-books                 |           |              |

## Work in groups

Do you like reading paper books or electronic books? Why?

Talk with your members in groups.

No matter what we have, a computer, a tablet, a laptop, an e-reader or a real book, keep on reading!

#### Homework

Do you like reading paper books or electronic books? Why? Talk with your partner and make up a dialogue.