

Read the article and answer the following questions. Choose **a**, **b**, or **c**.

In the palm of your HAND

People love gadgets. In today's modern world, it seems like there is a gadget for everything. Gadgets are getting smaller and smaller and you can control almost everything you need right from your hand. The following are a couple of the most popular gadgets that people are crazy about.



KINDLE

The Amazon Kindle is an electronic reading device created by amazon.com in 2007. The Kindle is about the same size of a small paperback, but the big difference is that, instead of having only one book with you, in this gadget you can store around 1500 or 3500 books, depending on which model you have. Users can purchase the 'book', or file of the book's text from Amazon's website for a small fee. You download the file and load it on your Kindle. At first, there were only around 80,000 digital titles available for downloading but today, there are over 300,000. Users can also subscribe to magazines and newspapers for a monthly fee, some as low as 0.92 euros per month. The Kindle has got web capabilities, so users can surf the Net while reading, as well as listen to MP3s. Today, many authors are promoting the Kindle by releasing chapters of their novels or entire novels for free to download for a Kindle device. In this way, the Kindle online store is becoming a lot like the iTunes store, with its special promotions and features.

1. Which of the sentences is true about the Amazon Kindle?
 - a. Users download books using the Amazon Kindle.
 - b. Users can store up to 1,500 books in the Amazon Kindle.
 - c. The Amazon Kindle comes in various models.
2. What does the word *its* in the last line refer to?
 - a. The Kindle online store.
 - b. The iTunes store.
 - c. Amazon's website.
3. Why is the Flip Ultra more well-known than other models of Flip Video?
 - a. Because the rest of the models are tiny.
 - b. Because the Flip Ultra has got more accessories.
 - c. Because the Flip Ultra has got a digital camera.
4. How do the various Flip Ultra models differ?
 - a. Only some of them have got a USB stick.
 - b. Some of the models haven't got the bicycle helmet attachment.
 - c. Some models don't use the regular AA batteries.
5. Why do people like using the Flip Videos?
 - a. Because they can control the future.
 - b. Because they are not very complicated to use.
 - c. Because they can share their videos on YouTube.

FLIP VIDEO

The Flip Video is a very small digital camcorder made by Pure Digital Technologies. The earliest model of the Flip Video came out in 2006, but the Flip Ultra, released in 2007, is much more well-known. The Flip Ultra is popular because it is so small and light which makes it extremely easy to carry. The camera also comes in a variety of colours and has got many accessories, including an underwater case (for shooting underwater video), a tripod and even a bicycle helmet attachment for those who want to shoot a video while cycling. Some models come in High Definition format and use recyclable batteries, while other models use regular AA batteries. Each camera has a hidden USB stick that pops out to connect it with a computer easily, eliminating the need for any cables or wires. Depending on which model you choose, you can have a storage space of up to 8 gigabytes, which allows for several hours of video footage. Flip Videos are popular because they are so easy to use and are compatible with many online networking sites and video-sharing sites like YouTube. Gadgets like these show us that the wave of the future will be controlled right from our hands!

