

Recognising keywords in a sentence

Master the reading strategy!



What are keywords?

- words or phrases that communicate important ideas or define ideas relevant to a particular topic

How to find the keywords?

- skim the question and options
- underline the defining words in each option (the ones that give it the special meaning that it has)
- see if they have synonyms or other associated words in the passage, and underline them

Let's have a closer look!

Technology never ceases to advance, and many electronic devices, unexpected before, have emerged. Who in the past could have foreseen something called e-readers? Ever since their advent, ³the debate over whether printed books are still necessary has never lessened in intensity. Much lighter than printed books, ¹these tablets often incorporate built-in dictionaries and many other functions. To many, however, printed books are physical reminders of one's intellectual growth. Imagine a 90-year-old man flipping through the books he once read in his teens. Would it bring memories back to him? Definitely! Maybe that's why e-readers ²will never replace printed books.

According to the passage, printed books are _____.

- A. loved by older readers (There is not a word that has this implication.)
- B. ¹less useful than e-readers (The opposite impression is given.)
- C. ²irreplaceable despite the many advantages of e-readers (They will never be replaced.)
- D. ³controversial ('Controversial' is used to describe something that arouses opposing views.)

Let's practise!

A shopaholic is someone addicted to shopping. When an urge to go on a shopping spree hits, shopaholics often find themselves making unnecessary purchases compulsively. More often than not, they spend more than they can afford and are overwhelmed with guilt after every round of shopping. What makes the situation worse is their irrational belief that going on another shopping spree would be the solution to everything. If you are facing a similar problem, seek professional help right away.

Which of the following is NOT true about shopaholics?

- A. They are obsessed with buying daily necessities.
- B. They make irrational purchases.
- C. They often feel terrible after going shopping.
- D. They believe their problems can be solved by shopping.