

## ANSWERS of ANSWERS Unit Eight Newspaper and Books Gap Fill Essay

less obvious why	My own view and conclusion is	by contrast	
A possible consequence of	meet the new demands	The principal reason why	However
disagree with this point of view		less effort involved in	

- vocabulary for this topic
- vocabulary and phrases that can be used in all/many Task Two essays

As we move into the twenty-first century an increasing number of people are relying on new forms of technology. A possible consequence of this is that traditional media such as books and newspapers are not just less popular but are considered by some to be outdated. Personally, I disagree with this point of view.

The principal reason why some people take this view is fairly clear in the case of newspapers. It is generally much easier and quicker to discover what is happening in the world from the internet or the television than from a newspaper. If you use Google or another search engine or simply switch on the television, you can instantly get the latest news bulletin. A newspaper, by contrast, is out of date the moment it is published because it contains yesterday's news.

It is perhaps less obvious why books are said to be out of fashion. One possibility is that fewer people choose to read for pleasure nowadays because they prefer the instant gratification and thrills of modern technology. There is less effort involved in enjoying a 3D movie or playing a computer game than in turning the pages of a book.

My own view and conclusion is that books and newspapers will never go completely out of fashion or become redundant. The reason for this is that they serve basic human needs. I believe that people will always want to read about the news and escape into the imaginary worlds of great novels. However, books and newspapers may need to change to meet the

**new demands** of twenty-first century consumers. We can already see this happening with **the arrival of the audio-book** **and** **the various free newspaper internet sites**.

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## Looking at the question

Newspapers and books are outdated. Why do some people believe this? What is your opinion?

This is a double question. Whatever else you do, make sure you answer both halves of the question by giving your own opinion and explaining why other people believe this.

## Essay structure

There are different ways to structure this essay. The way I have chosen is to write one paragraph about newspapers and one about books and then use a slightly longer conclusion than usual for my own views. In this form of essay, one natural technique is to use the conclusion in this way.

1. **intro:** modern technology partly to blame
2. **newspapers:** problem that they are yesterday's news
3. **books:** problem that they are not instant gratification
4. **conclusion:** books and newspapers are not redundant but may need to change in the modern world

Another option would be to use one topic paragraph for “advantages” of books and newspapers and one for their “disadvantages”.

## The vocabulary

### Topic vocabulary

You need vocabulary to talk about books and newspapers and other media. There is a great range to choose from here. Some of the topic vocabulary I use in this essay is:

- great novels
- use Google or another search engine
- switch on the television
- the latest news bulletin
- read for pleasure
- enjoying a 3D movie
- in turning the pages of a book

## **Outdated and opinion vocabulary**

If at all possible you do not want to repeat the vocabulary from the question too much. Here are some options for you for “opinion” and “outdated”.

- people take this view
  - are said to be
  - My own view is
  - become redundant
  - out of date
  - out of fashion
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