

# Use of eBooks: Experiment with eReaders and Netbooks

## Objectives

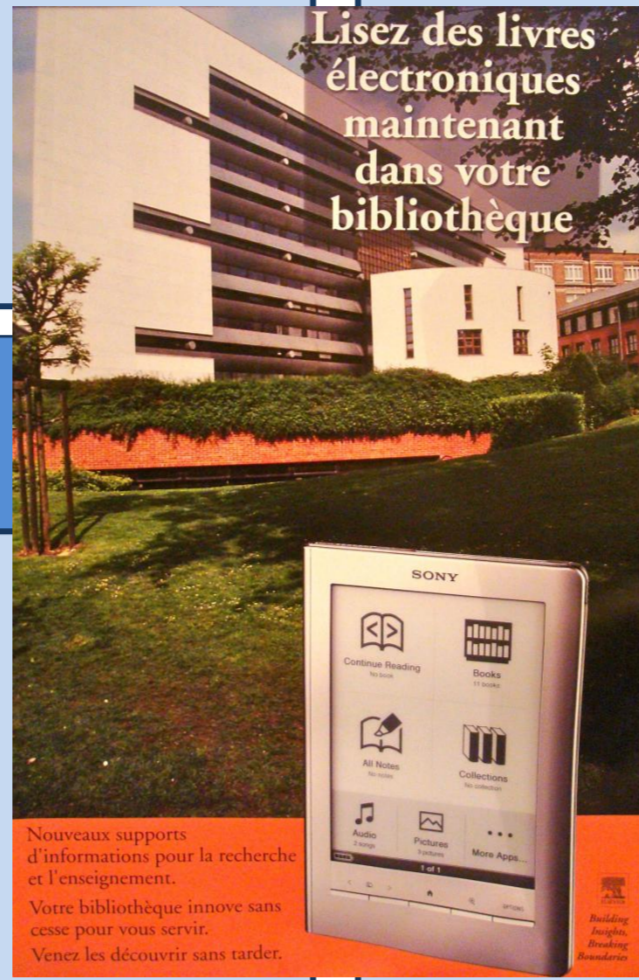
Promote the use of eBooks  
Evaluate the use of different reading devices

## Target users

BA3 students in Chemistry  
Teachers & research assistants  
-> practical bibliographic work in the library

## Reading devices

- 10 eReaders SONY PRS-600  
-> reading device, electronic ink
- 10 Netbooks ASUS EeePC  
-> multimedia device, comparing tools

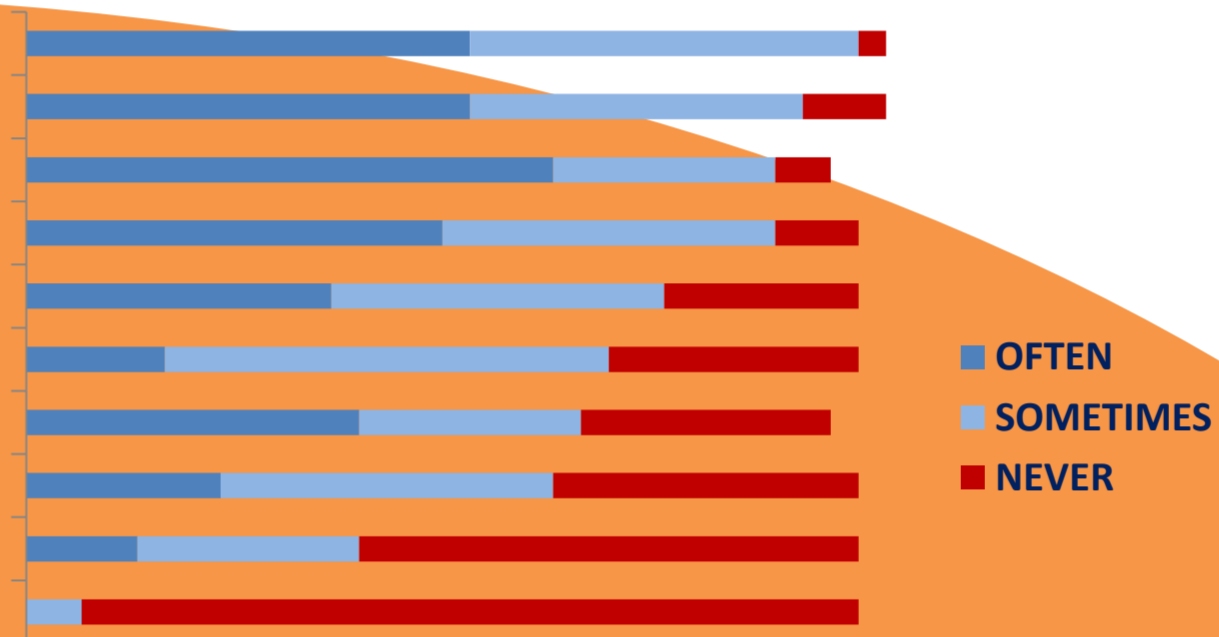


## Contents

- eBooks from 2 publishers  
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- Additional notes, exercises and complementary texts

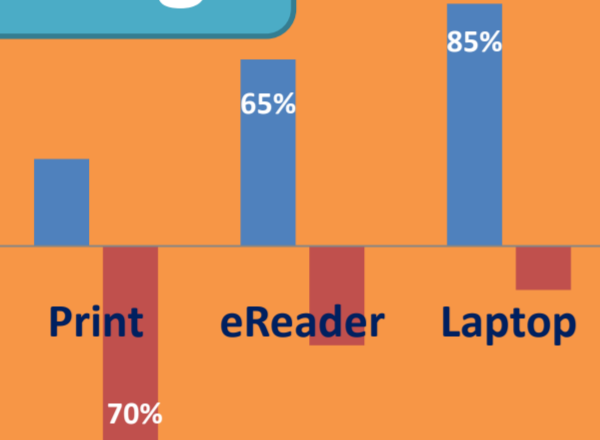
## Reading Strategies

- Take notes on a paper beside the document being read
- Work simultaneously on several print documents
- Underline/highlight words or phrases
- Check/clarify a concept or a reference on the Internet
- Write in the margins
- Take notes in an electronic document on your PC
- Insert bookmarks
- Annotate the text between the lines
- Insert a reference to this document in your course notes
- Record oral comments



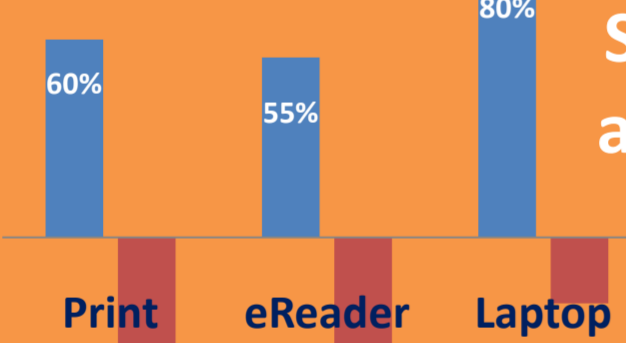
## Searching

Quickly spot information in the text

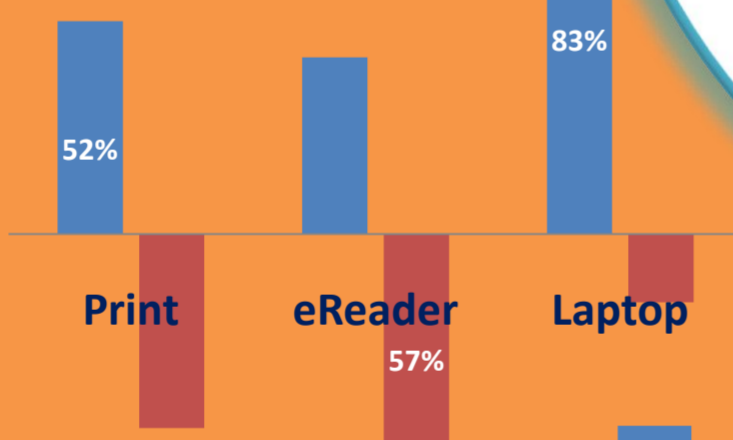


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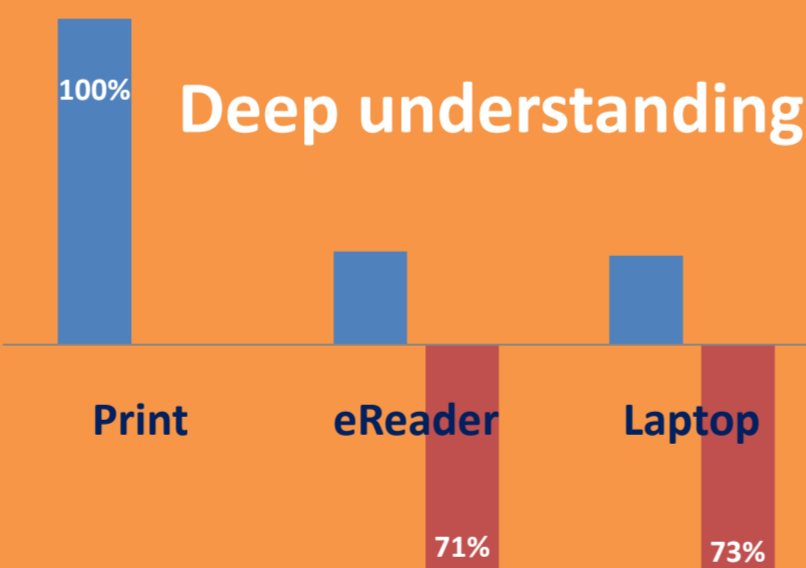
Highlight and copy text



Sharing comments about the contents

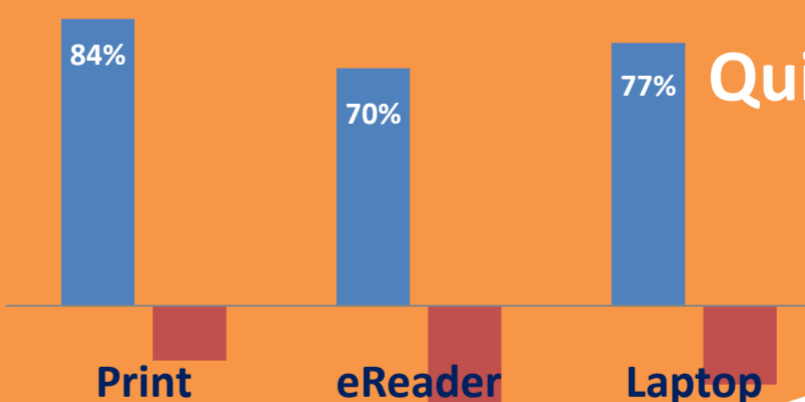


Deep understanding



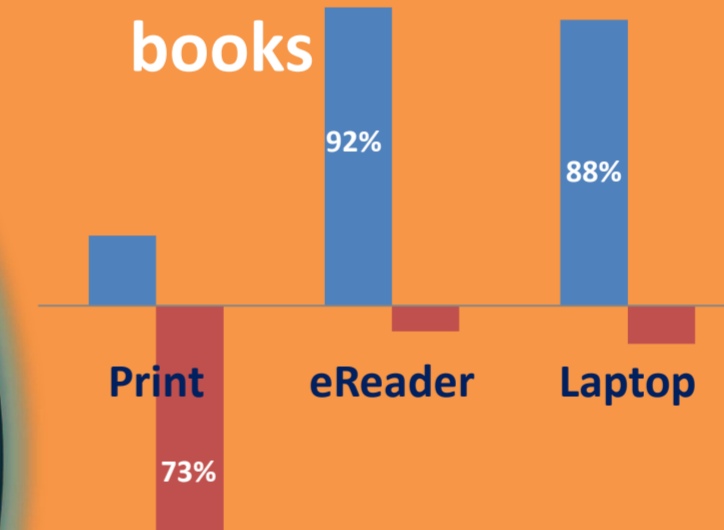
## Read & Understand

Quick overview

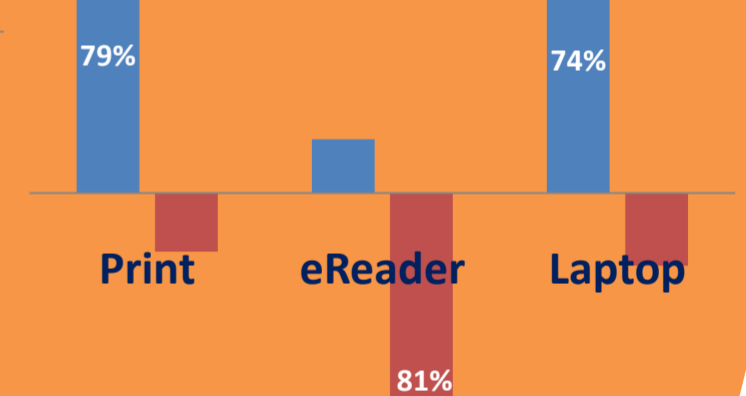


## Book accessibility & handling

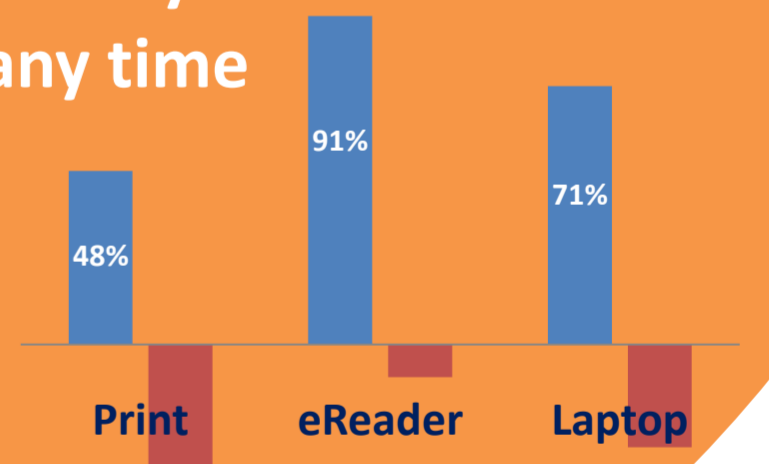
Carrying and storing books



Handling several books simultaneously



Book accessibility at any place any time



■ Advantage  
■ Disadvantage

## Conclusions

eBooks provide many usage opportunities: table of contents displayed permanently; search facilities; facet classification; sharing notes with students and professor; compile tailor-made textbooks from separate sources; semantic linking across resources; simultaneous users

### eReader as a reading device:



Touch screen; bookmarks; annotate, search and highlight text; transportable, light and affordable



Not adapted for graphs, tables and diagrams, no colours, small screen, slow to browse, not enough textbooks available