

Complete the text with ONE word that fits into each gap.

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## KEY

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The advantages of carrying **(6) around/about** a light electronic device instead of several kilos of paper when travelling are obvious. New-generation e-book readers **(7) can** store thousands of books and make millions of titles available at your fingertips. If we add the disappearance of free check-in luggage imposed by budget airlines, the decision could **(8) not/never** be clearer.

Uncertainties come **(9) when/ if / as** we look at the ecological side. A recently published report on e-book devices states **(10) that** a book uses up approximately 7.46 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> during its lifetime. One e-book device, **(11) on** average, can replace buying 22 physical books and save about 170 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.

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