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Comparing E-Readers? Which one is right for you?

New Amazon Kindle 3 International (US/Global)

The new Kindle 3 released this year now has both WiFi + 3G and WiFi only models. The WiFi only model is priced a little lower at \$139 which is an unbelievable steal for such a high quality ereader. They also recently added a lower priced WiFi model with ads and sponsored offers, \$25 cheaper at \$114 as well as a WiFi + 3G model with with ads, at \$164. The ads are only on the homescreen and the special offers are screensavers so you don't have to see ads when your reading books. Priced at \$189, this Kindle is a great buy compared to the other ereaders based on its global access combined with all the above listed features. The New Kindle 3 model also has a slimmer design, weighs less, better screen contrast - uses latest version of Pearl E-Ink technology, battery life is longer and holds more books, now up to 3,500.

Amazon Kindle DX International (US/Global):

The major Kindle DX advantage to the regular Kindle 3 is its larger screen size, 3" more in the diagonal measurement. However, the DX version costs \$190 more than the Kindle WiFi + 3G model at \$379. If you feel you want or need a bigger screen for easier reading, then the DX is probably for you. Note though, at this time, the Kindle DX does not have WiFi, only 3G.

Barnes Noble Nook

The Nook 1st edition WiFi only and WiFi + 3G models at \$119 and \$169, respectively. There is now the Nook 2 second generation in WiFi only at \$139 and Nook Color WiFi only at \$249. Kindle still wins in screen sharpness, using Pearl E-Ink technology vs Vizplex in the Nook. The Nook does support EPUB books and documents whereas they must be converted before using on the Kindle. But there are over 750,000 books, magazines and newspapers in the Kindle library, so unless you know you will need to download a lot of EPUB docu-

ments, this shouldn't be a deciding factor. Barnes and Noble is now also offering the Nook Color priced at \$249 currently with WiFi only, no 3G.

Sony Reader Daily

The Sony Daily has over the Global Kindle and Nook is a slightly larger screen size at 7 inches (only 1 inch larger) and slightly longer battery life. It does offer memory expansion, a touch screen and Wi-Fi, as does the Nook, but again priced at \$399 vs \$189 for the Kindle International & \$199 3G Nook readers.

Apple iPad Review

The Apple iPad has a lot of extra functions that the other ereaders lack like playing video games, storing and playing your music library, watching movies and a few others. It is more in the tablet category than just being an ebook reader.

Data collected from www.wireless-reading-device.net

Searching the Internet: We recommend the following search engines!

Duck Duck Go at
www.DuckDuckGo.com

Ask at www.Ask.com

The Internet Archive at
www.archive.org

Yippy at
<http://search.yippy.com>

Yahoo! At
www.yahoo.com

Bing at www.bing.com

Mahalo at
www.mahalo.com

Dogpile at
www.dogpile.com

Webopedia at
www.webopedia.com

Google at
www.google.com

AOL at
<http://aolsearcht4.search.aol.com/aol/webhome>

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Tip of the Month

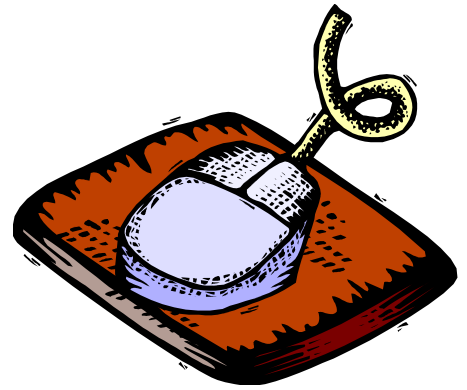
How many times have you laid your phone down and then not been able to find it again. The solution is here. Just check out this website:

www.icantfindmyphone.com

This works with cell phones or "wired phones". Try it and bookmark it.

Thanks for the tip Sharon Gullett (Theta Nu).

Web 2.0– What is it?



Web 2.0 is the term given to describe a second generation of the World Wide Web that is focused on the ability for people to collaborate and share information online.

Now that you know what it is, go to some of the web-sites listed below to see if there is anything that you can use for your chapter, teaching or personal use. Have fun!

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www.commoncraft.com Explanations in plain English

www.polleverywhere.com Free text messaging polling

www.wordle.net Create Word Art

www.edmodo.com Twitter for teachers

www.chacha.com Your 24/7 Personal Assistant

www.slydial.com Leave a message

www.voki.com Create a speaking avatar

www.zamzar.com Turn text into audio

www.dropio.io All in one collaboration tool

www.cinchcast.com Call in a podcast

www.blogger.com Easy blog solutions

www.pbworks.com Wiki Wiki

www.epals.com Connect with other classrooms

www.earth.google.com Explore the 3D planet

www.jing.com Record the screen

www.skype.com No more long distance

www.xtranormal.com Become the next pixar animator

www.pixton.com Tell stories through comics

www.animoto.com Fast photo montages

www.myths.e2bn.org Create your own myths and legends

www.delicious.com Social bookmarking

www.google.com/reader Easy aggregator for RSS

www.bloglines.com Another aggregator

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