

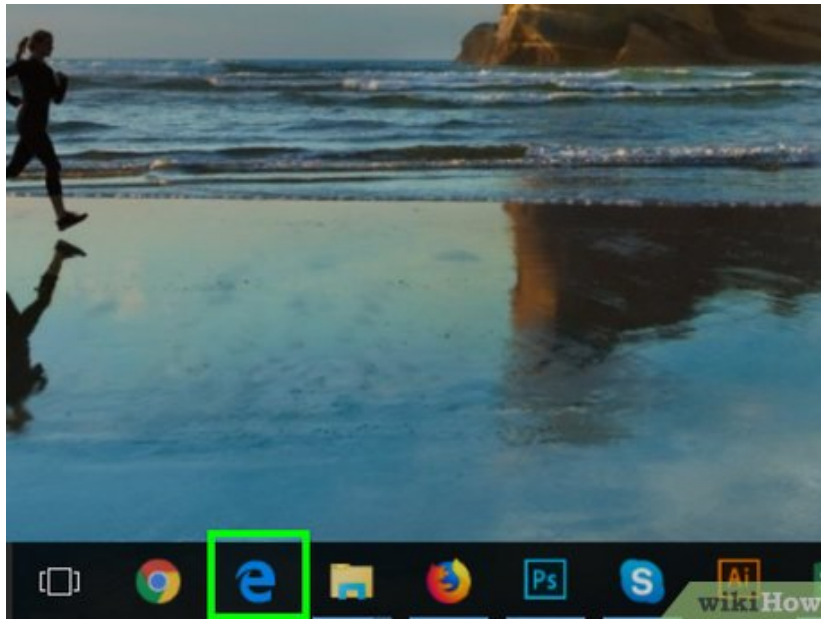
# How to Open EPUB Files

This wikiHow teaches you how to open and read an EPUB (also known as 'eBook') file on your computer or mobile platform, including a Kindle. If opening the EPUB file sounds like too much work for your preferred platform, you can also...

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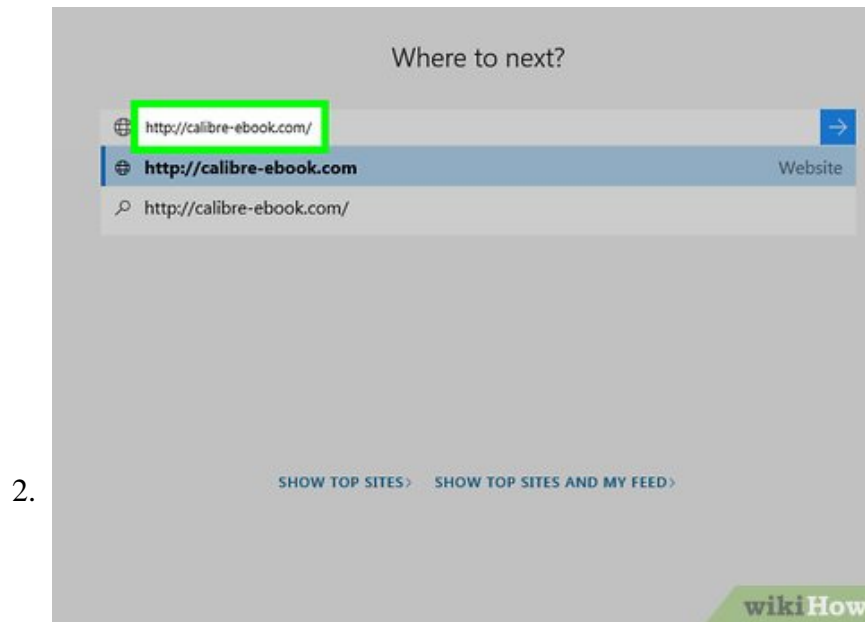
## On Windows

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**Consider using Microsoft Edge.** If you're using a Windows 8 or Windows 10 computer, Microsoft Edge—a pre-installed browser—can be used to open EPUB files. To do so, simply double-click an EPUB file, then scroll through as needed.

1. Microsoft Edge's user interface isn't very sophisticated. If you'd prefer to use a dedicated program to open your EPUB files, skip this step and read on.



**Open the Calibre website.** Go to <http://calibre-ebook.com/> in your computer's web browser. Calibre is a program which allows you to open and collect EPUB files.

1. One of the benefits that Calibre has over Microsoft Edge is that you can create and access a library of EPUB files from within the Calibre program.

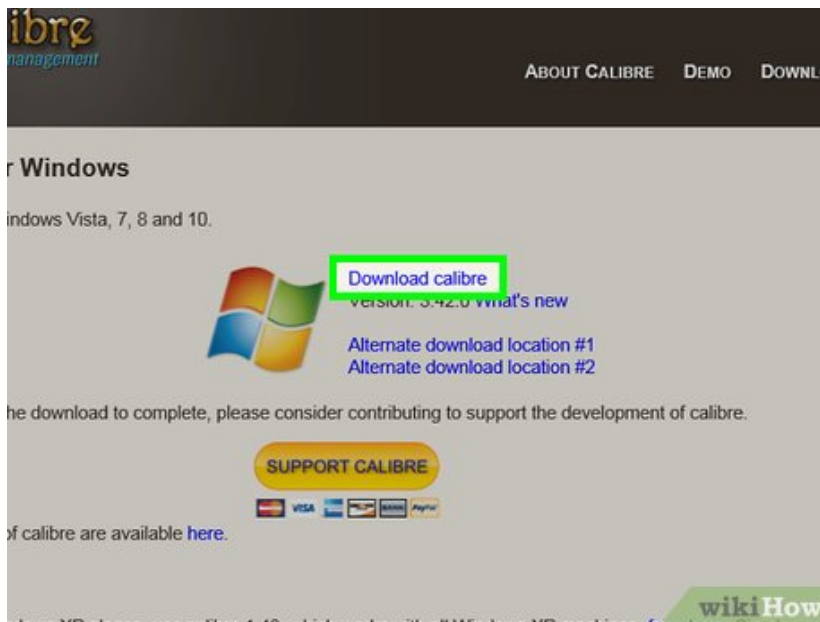


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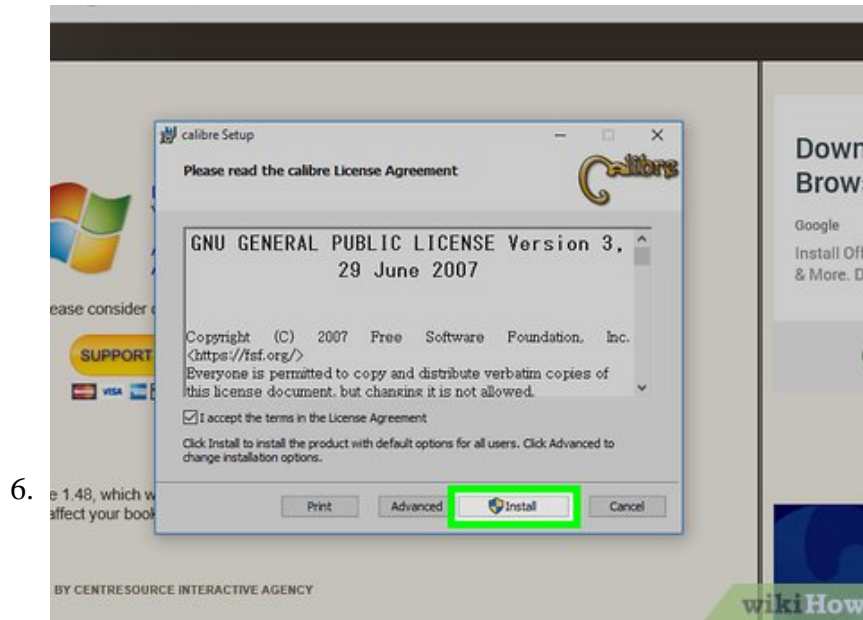
Click **Windows**. This option is on the left side of the page.



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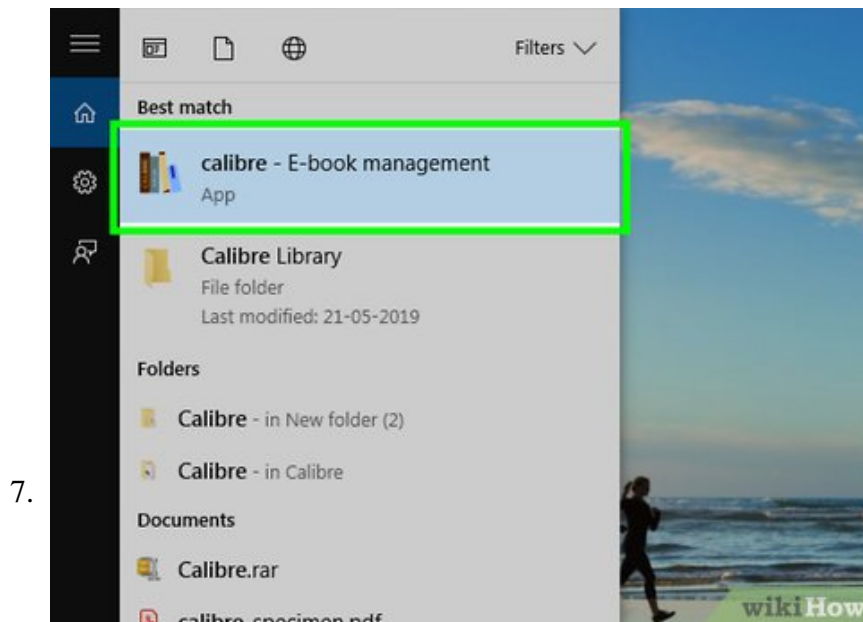
Click **Download calibre**. It's a link near the top of the page. The Calibre setup file (which is an EXE file) will download onto your computer.

1. You may be prompted to select a save location or verify the download before the setup file actually downloads.



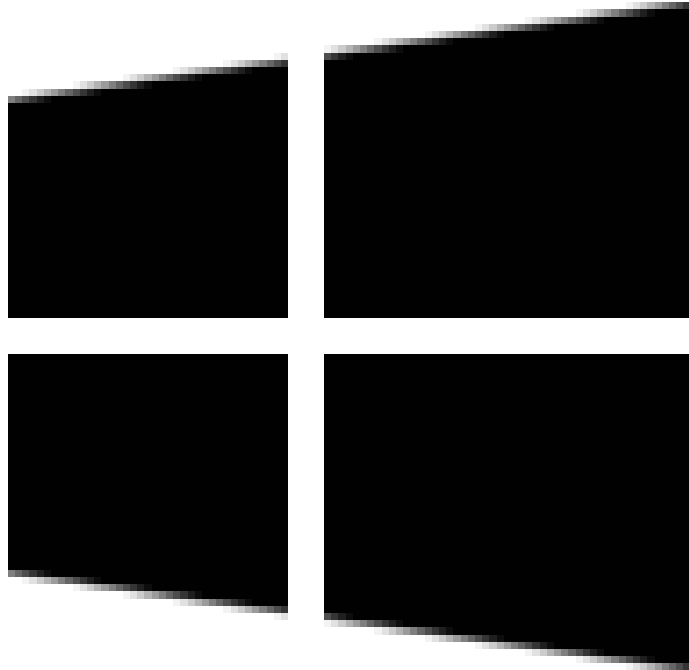
**Install Calibre.** Double-click the Calibre EXE file, then do the following:

1. Check the "Accept" box.
2. Click **Install**
3. Click **Yes** when prompted.

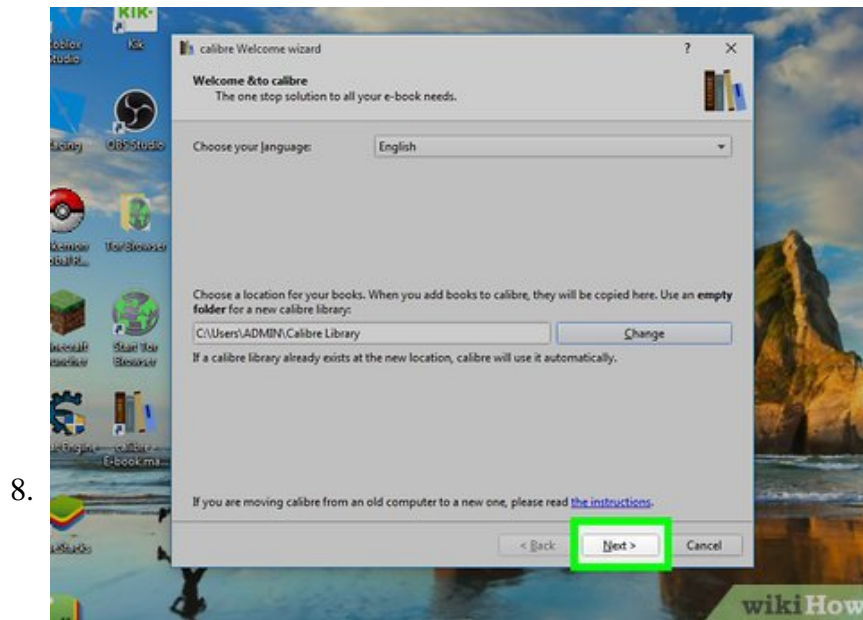


**Launch Calibre.** When prompted, make sure that the "Launch calibre" box is checked, then click **Finish** at the bottom of the window. This will start the Calibre reader.

1. You can also launch Calibre at any other time by opening **Start**



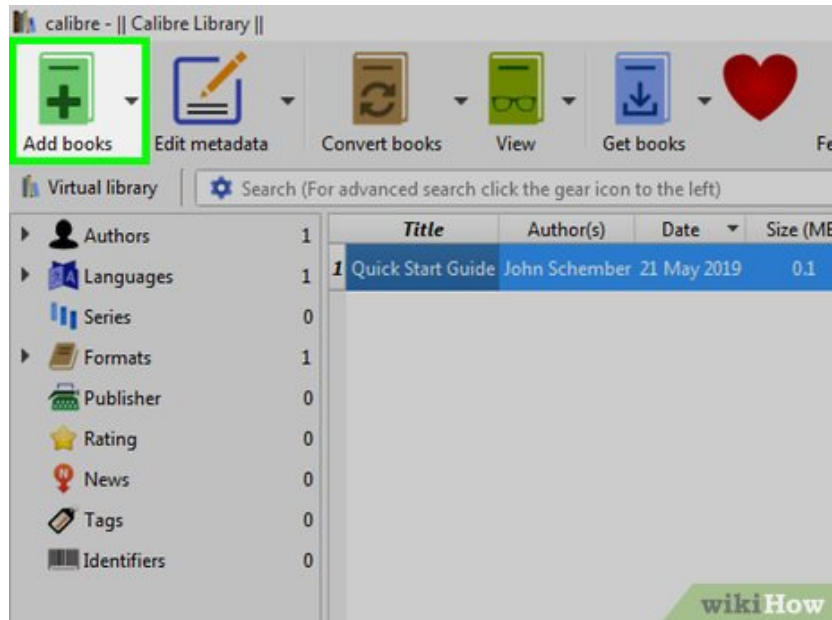
, typing in `calibre` , and clicking **calibre - E-book management** in the results.



**Navigate through Calibre's setup.** Click **Next** at the bottom of the first two pages, then click **Finish** at the bottom of the third page. This will complete the Calibre installation and open Calibre's user interface.

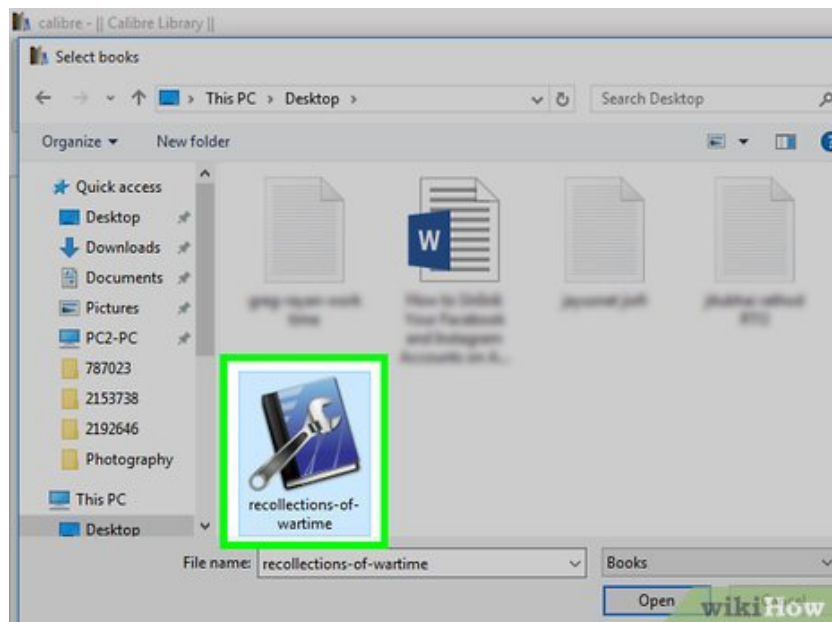
1. Skip this step if Calibre opens to the user interface.

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Click **Add books**. This green button is in the upper-left side of the window. A File Explorer window will open.

10.



**Add an EPUB file to Calibre.** Click the EPUB file that you want to add to your library, then click **Open** in the bottom-right corner of the window.

1. You can select more than one EPUB file at once by holding down **Ctrl** while clicking each EPUB file that you want to select.

11.



**Open an EPUB file.** Double-click a book's title in the main window to open it. The book's text and images will appear in a new window; you can scroll up or down to page through the book as needed.

Score

0 / 0

Method 1 Quiz

What is the benefit of using Calibre over Microsoft Edge for your EPUB files?

Microsoft Edge only works with PDFs.

Nope! Microsoft Edge works with virtually any EPUB file format, not just PDF. You can open most of your EPUB files through Microsoft Edge without having to convert the files into a specific format. Guess again!

Calibre lets you create a library of EPUB files.

Yes! Unlike Microsoft Edge, Calibre is a program that lets you create and access a library of EPUB files. If you're reading an EPUB file on Microsoft Edge, you will have no way to save the file for future reading. Read on for another quiz question.

You can read a wider variety of EPUB file formats on Calibre.

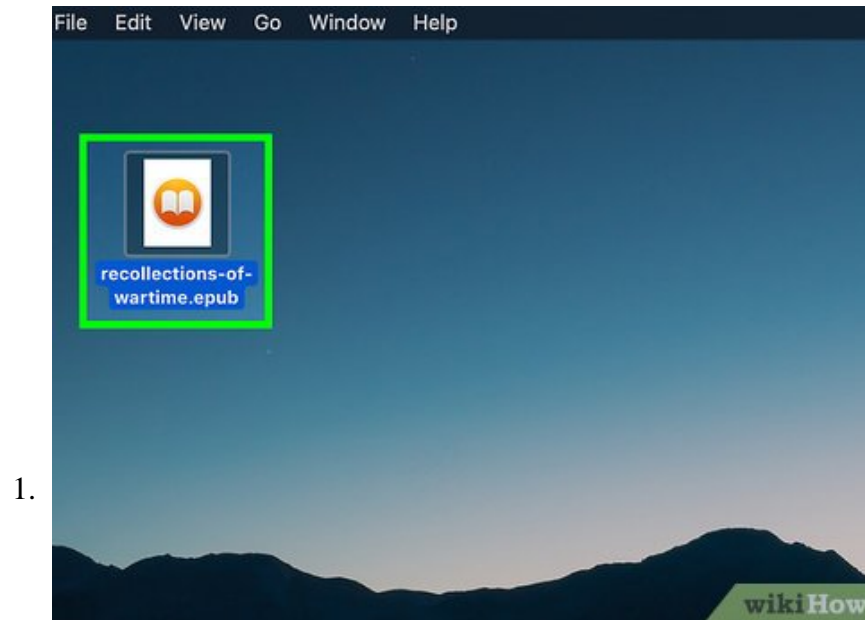
Not exactly! Both Microsoft Edge and Calibre let you access nearly any EPUB file format. EPUB files can come in a variety of forms that most device platforms are designed to handle. Click on another answer to find the right one...

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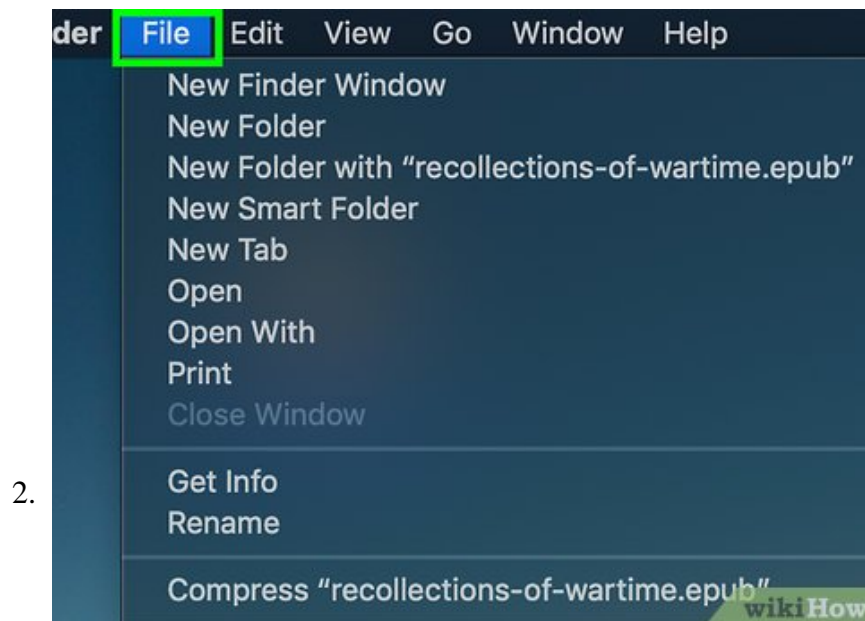
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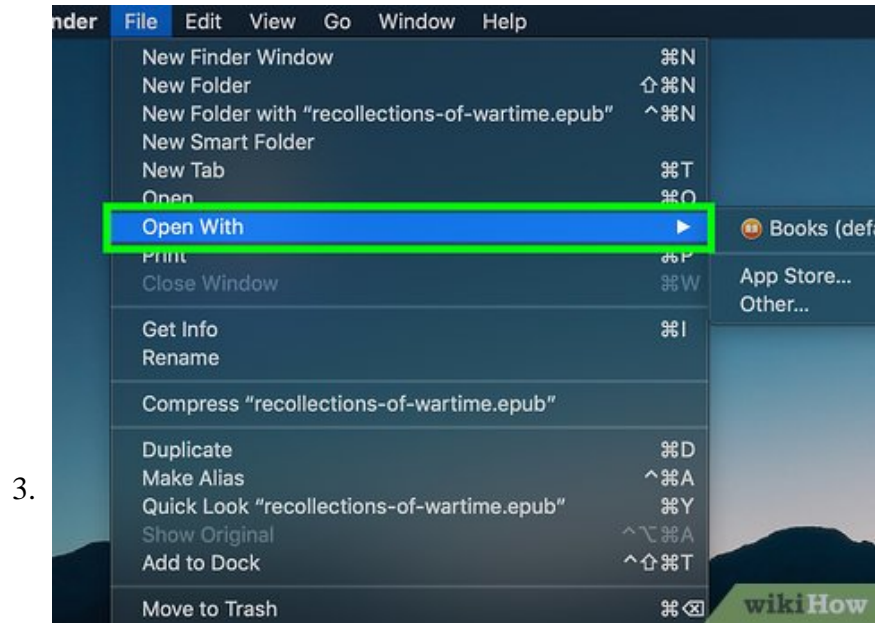
## On Mac



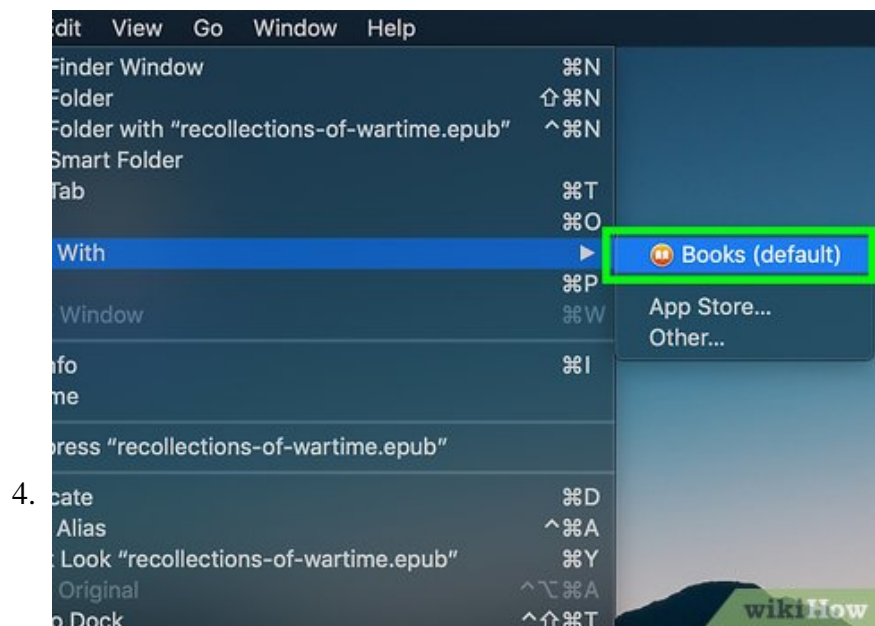
**Select an EPUB file.** Go to your EPUB file's location, then click the EPUB file that you want to open.



**Click** **File**. It's in the top-left corner of the screen. Clicking it prompts a drop-down menu.

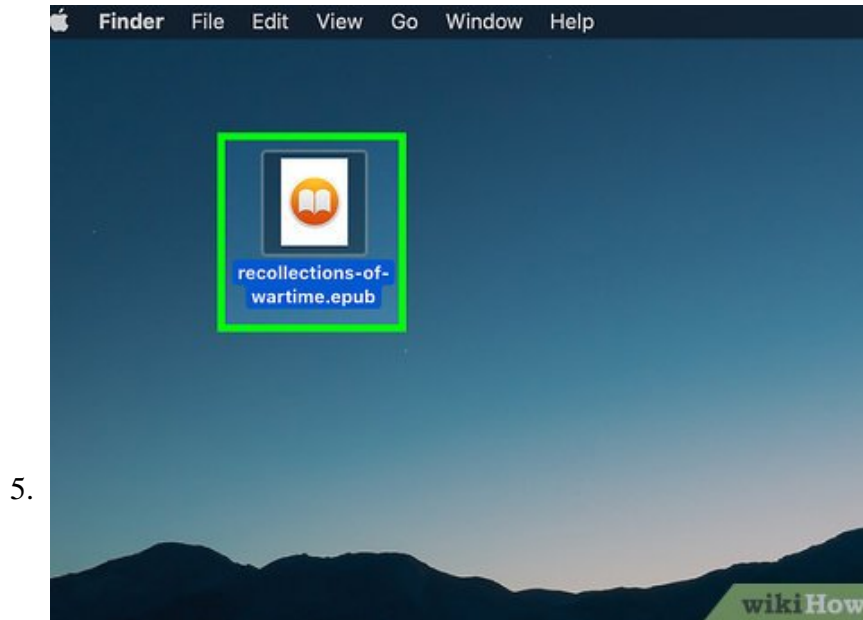


Select **Open With**. This option is near the top of the **File** drop-down menu. Selecting it prompts a pop-out menu to appear.



Click **iBooks**. It's in the pop-out menu. Doing so will both open iBooks and add the EPUB file to the iBooks library.

1. You can also open iBooks and then click and drag the EPUB file into the iBooks window.



**Open your EPUB file.** Double-click the EPUB file's book title in the main iBooks window to open it. Your EPUB file's book will open in a new window, at which point you can scroll up or down through the book as needed.

1. You may first have to click the **All Books** tab in the upper-left side of the window.

Score  
0 / 0

#### Method 2 Quiz

Where can you find the "iBooks" option to add your EPUB file to your Mac library?

Under the "File" drop-down menu.

Nope! The "iBooks" option is not located directly inside the "File" drop-down menu. Instead, you will find the "Open With" option in the "File" menu. Click on another answer to find the right one...

Under the "All Books" tab.

Not exactly! The "All Books" tab does not hold the "iBooks" link. Instead, the "All Books" tab will hold your EPUB file once you add the file to iBooks. Pick another answer!

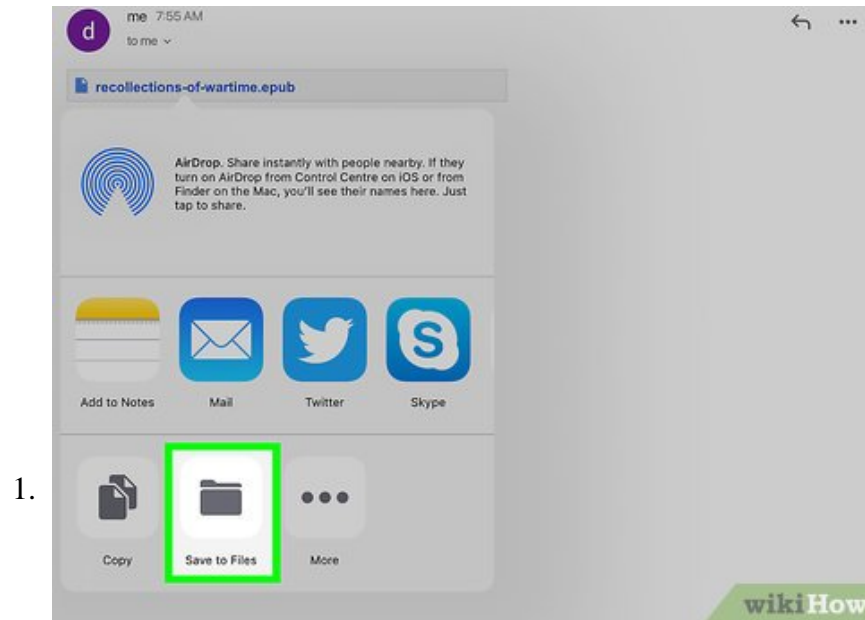
In the pop-out menu under the "Open With" option.

Correct! Once you navigate to "Open With" under the "File" menu, a pop-out menu will display the "iBooks" link. Choose the "iBooks" link and the program will open while adding your EPUB file to "iBooks." Read on for another quiz question.

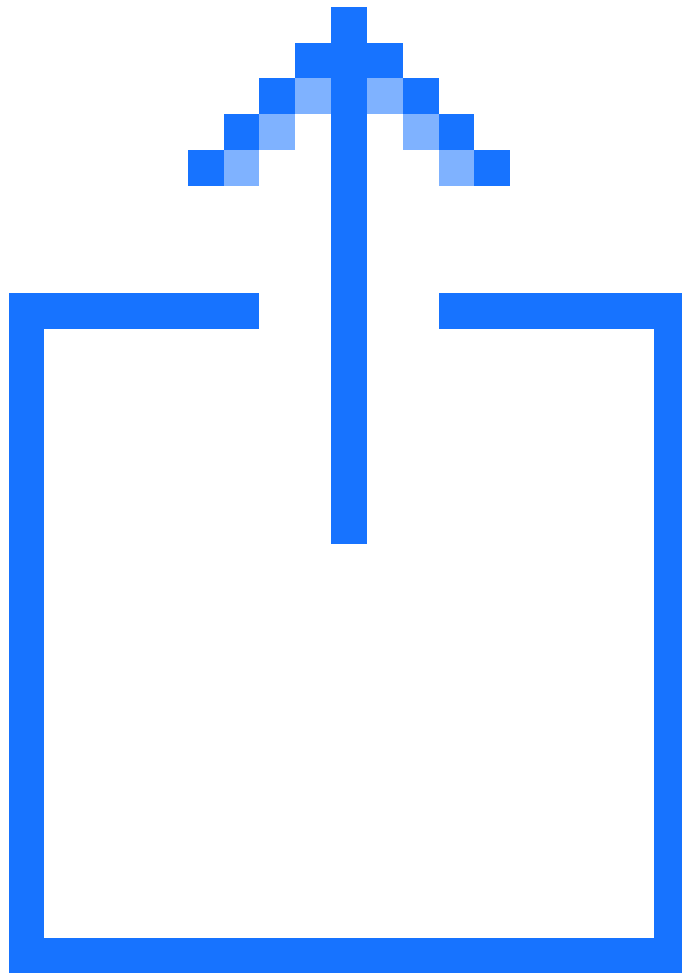
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## On iPhone



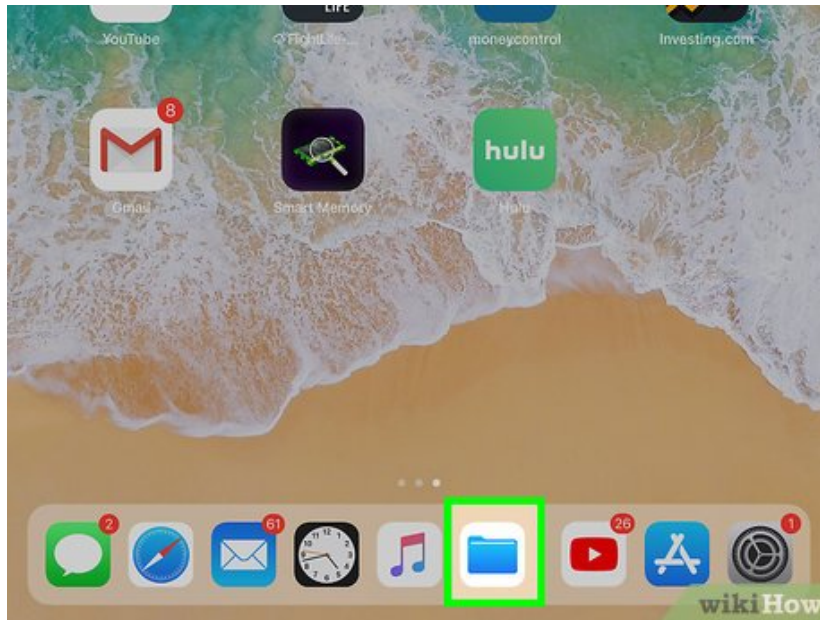
**Make sure that the EPUB file is on your iPhone.** In order to open the EPUB file on your iPhone, it will need to be in your iPhone's Files app. You can add the EPUB file to your Files app by selecting the EPUB file wherever it is (e.g., in your email), tapping the "Share" icon



, tapping **Save to Files**, and selecting a file location.

1. Some storage locations, such as Google Drive, will have a slightly different save process (for example, if your EPUB file is in Google Drive, you'd tap the EPUB file and then tap **Open in** in the resulting menu before tapping **Save to Files**).

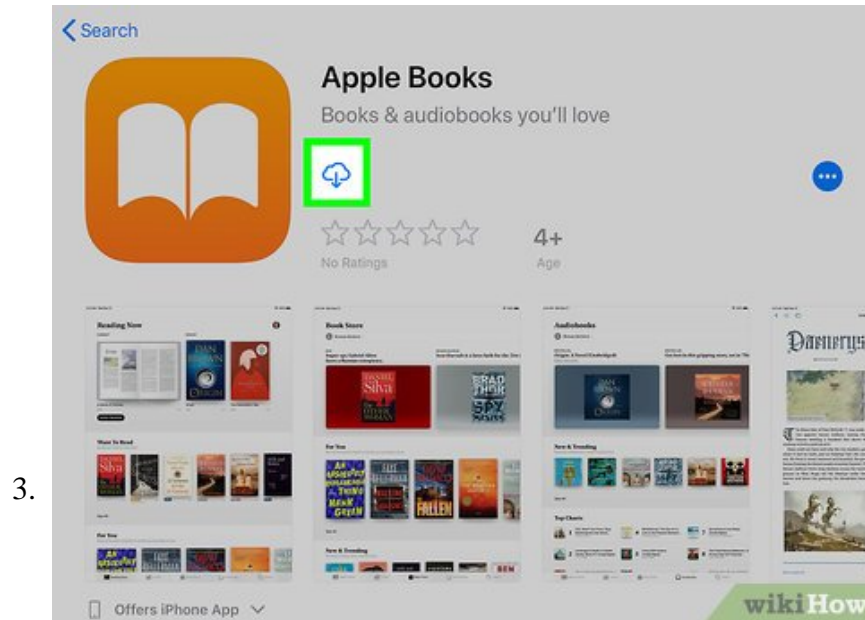
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**Open the EPUB file's location.** Open

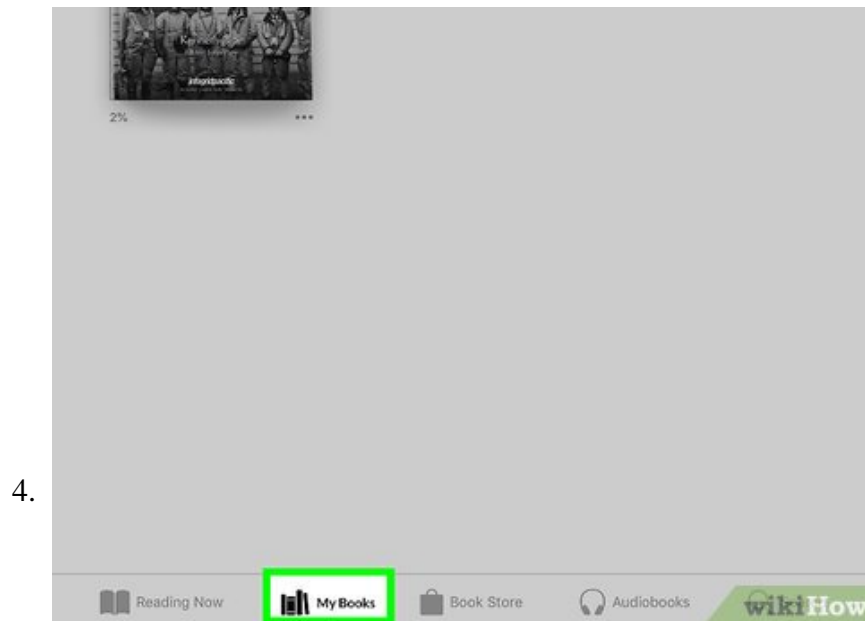


**Files**, tap **Browse**, select the proper storage option (e.g., **On My iPhone**), and select the folder in which you saved the EPUB file (if applicable).



**Tap the EPUB file.** Doing this will prompt the EPUB file to add itself to iBooks, which is a free app that came installed on your iPhone or iPad.

1. If you deleted iBooks from your iPhone or iPad, you can re-download it from the App Store.



**Tap the **My Books** tab.** You'll find it in the bottom-left corner of the screen. Doing so brings up a list of your current books, one of which should be your EPUB file's book.



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**Open the EPUB file.** Tap the name of the EPUB book to do so. Once the EPUB file is open, you can scroll through it by swiping left or right.

1. Once the EPUB file is in your iBooks library, you can re-open the EPUB file at any time by opening the iBooks app, tapping **My Books**, and selecting the title of the book that you want to read.

Score  
0 / 0

### Method 3 Quiz

Where does your EPUB file need to be located on your iPhone before you can open and add the file to iBooks?

My Books.

Nope! Once the EPUB file has been added to iBooks, you will find it under the My Books folder. However, you do not need to initially download the EPUB file into My Books to add it to iBooks. Click on another answer to find the right one...

The Files app.

That's right! Before you can add an EPUB file to iBooks, you need to download it into the Files app on your iPhone. Start by locating the file in your email account or Google Drive, and then saving the file to the Files app by pressing the "Share" icon and selecting Files. Read on for another quiz question.

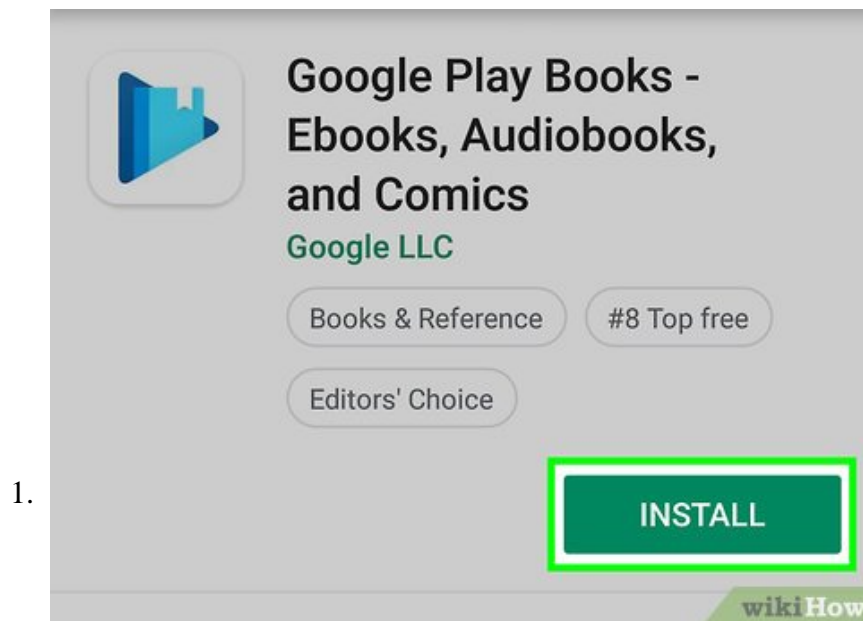
An email account.

Not quite! It isn't necessary to use an email account to add an EPUB file to your iPhone. However, if you do send the EPUB file to your phone through your email, you will need to download the file into a specific location before you can add the EPUB file to iBooks. Try another answer...

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## On Android



**Install Google Play Books.** Google Play Books is a free e-book reader for Android that can read EPUB files.<sup>[1]</sup>

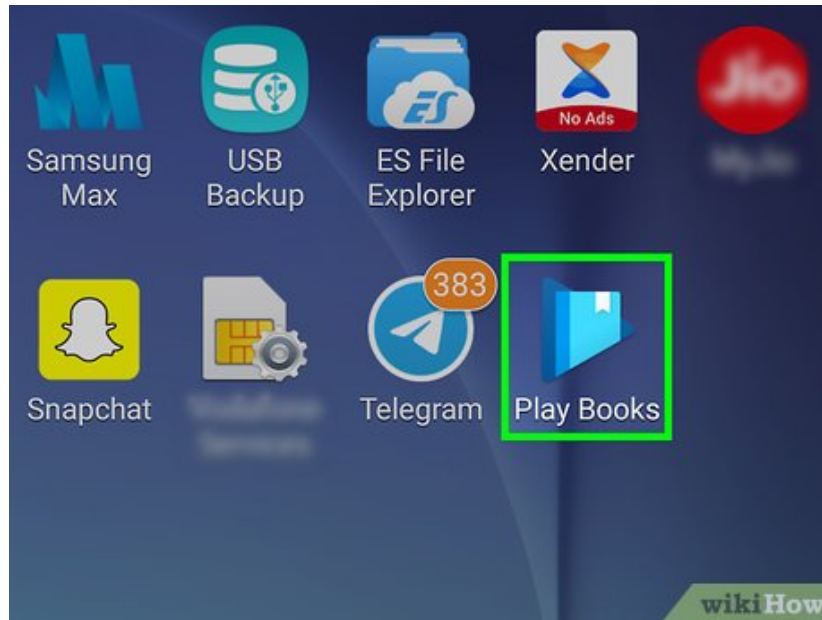
1. Open



### **Google Play Store**

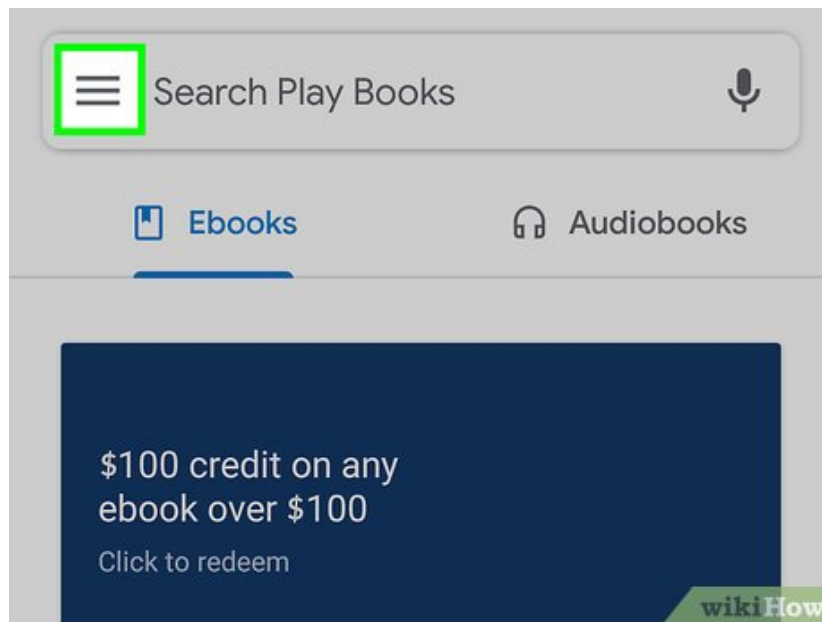
2. Tap the search bar.
3. Type in `google play books`
4. Tap **Google Play Books**
5. Tap **INSTALL**
6. Tap **ACCEPT** when prompted.


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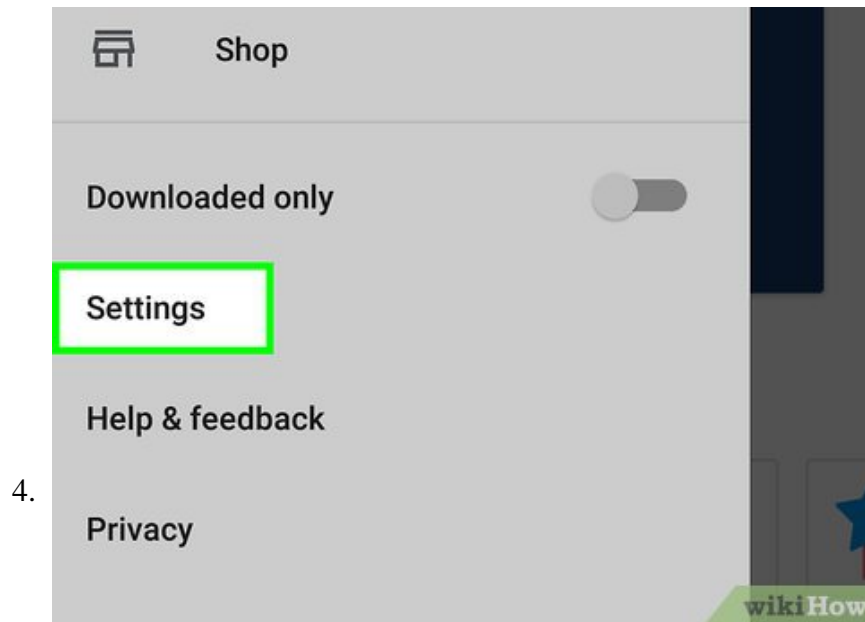


**Open Google Play Books.** Tap the Google Play Books app icon, which resembles a blue triangle.

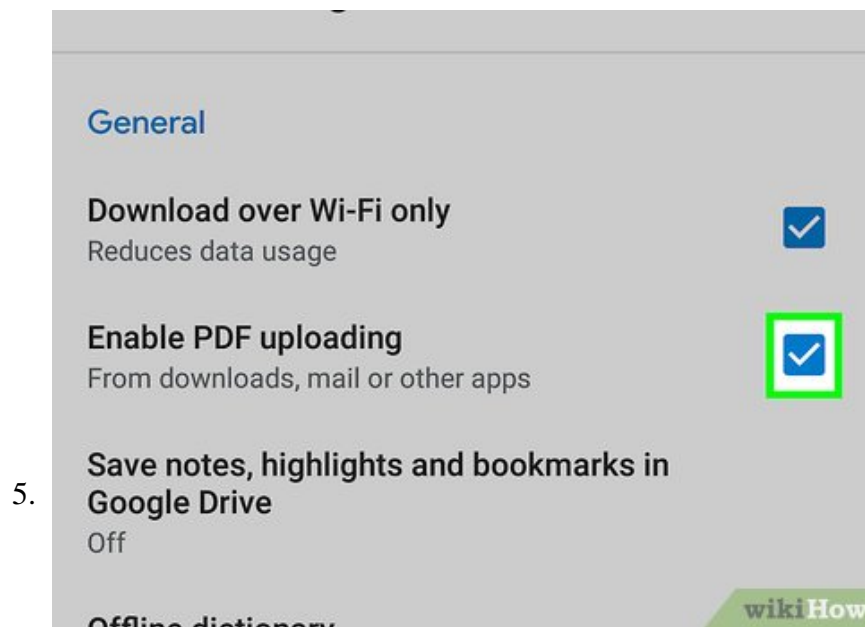
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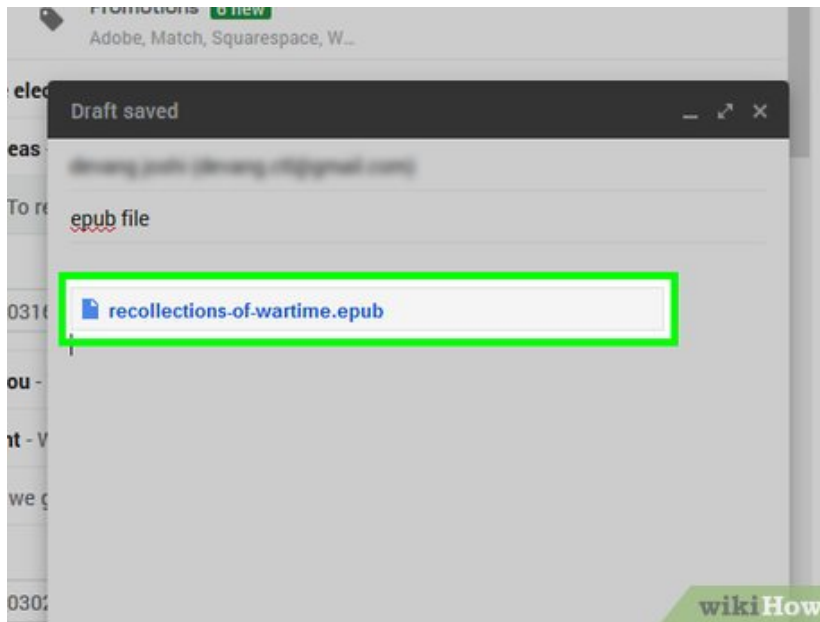
**Tap** . It's in the top-left corner of the screen. A menu will appear.



Tap **Settings**. This option is in the middle of the menu. Doing so opens the Settings page.



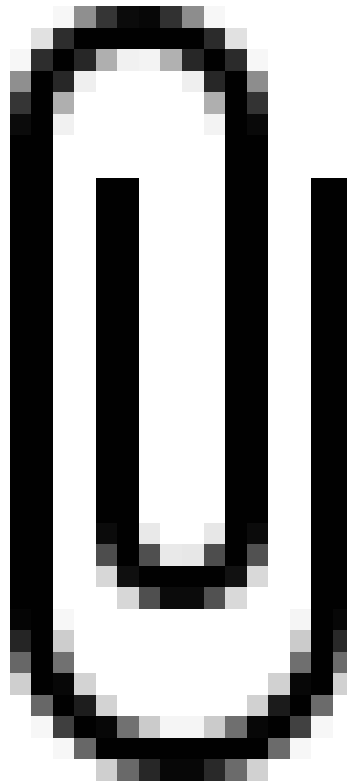
Check the "Enable PDF uploading" box. This makes it possible to add both PDF and EPUB files.<sup>[2]</sup>



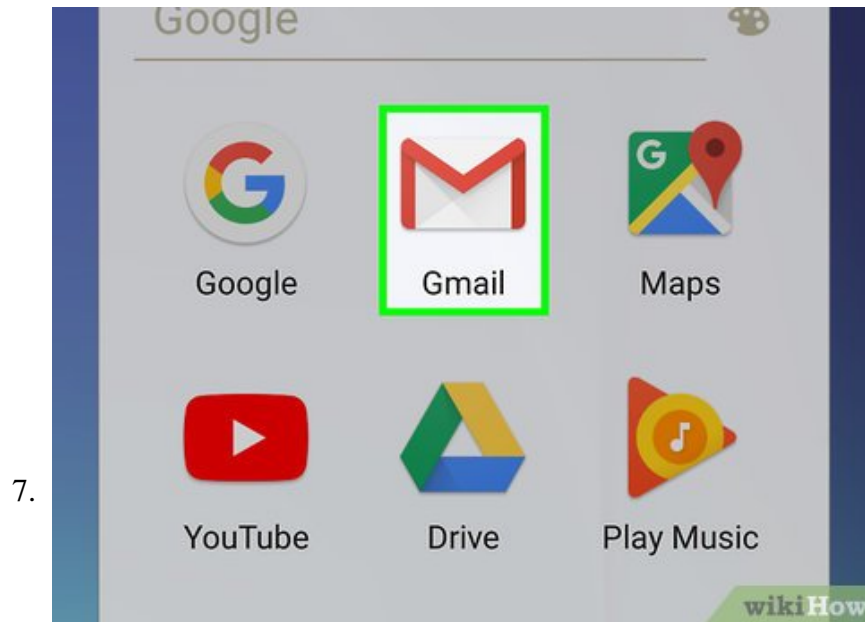
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**Send the EPUB file to your Android.** If the EPUB file is on your computer, you'll need to get it onto your Android. The most effective way to do this is to email yourself the file:

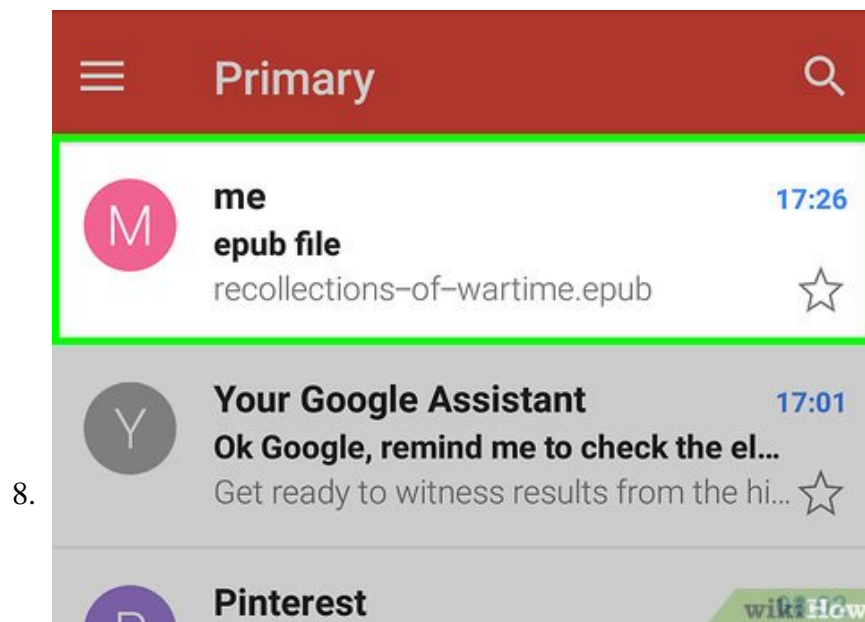
1. Open your email inbox.
2. Create a new email with your email address in the "To" text field.
3. Select the "Attachments"



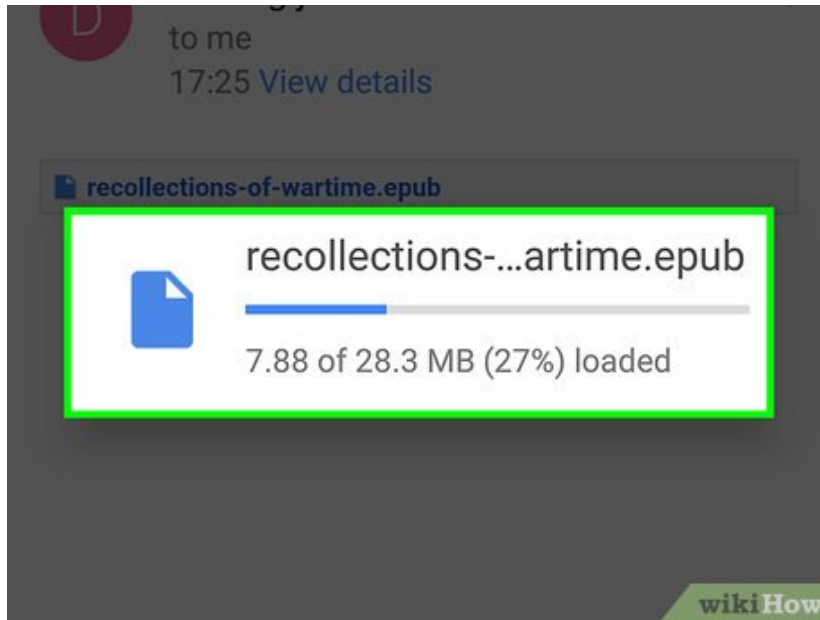
4. Select your EPUB file.
5. Send your email.



**Open your Android's email app.** In most cases, this will be Gmail.



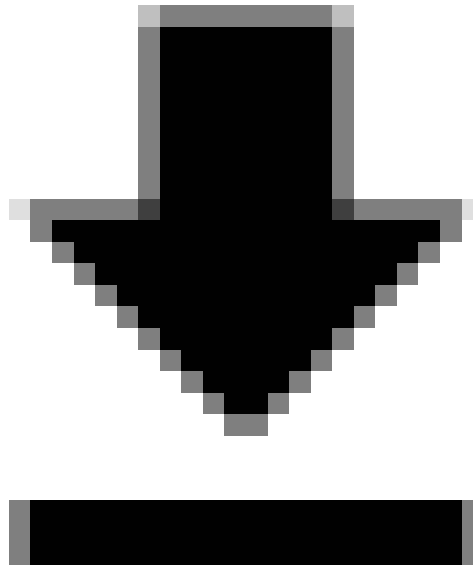
**Open the EPUB email.** You should see the EPUB file attached at the bottom of the email, though you may need to scroll down first.



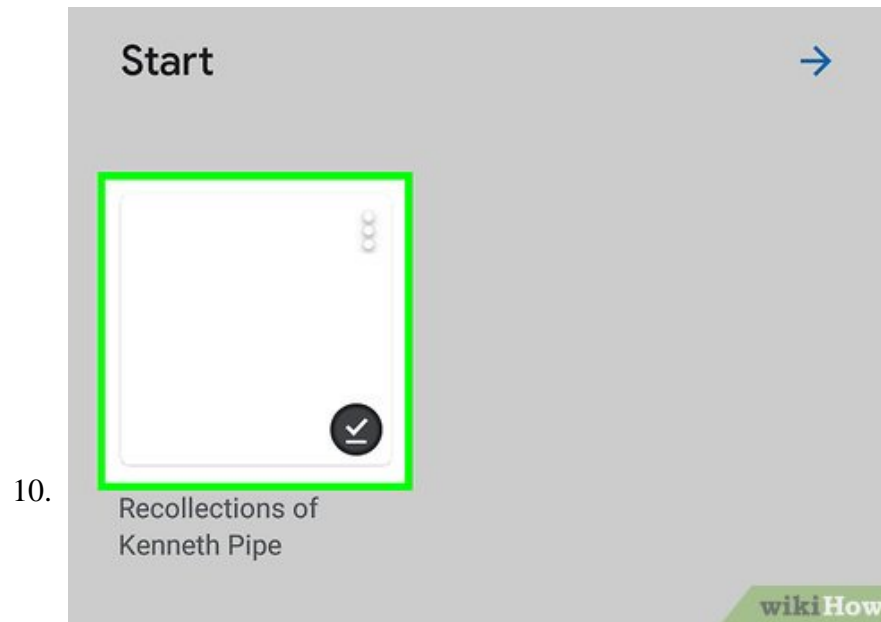
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**Tap the EPUB attachment.** Doing so will prompt Google Play Books to open and import the EPUB file.

1. You can also tap the "Download"



icon on the EPUB file and then tap the downloaded file's name to do this.



**Read your e-book.** When the book is finished uploading to Google Play Books, you'll arrive at the **EBOOKS** folder in your library. Tap the book's title to start reading it.

1. To see a list of your uploaded EPUB books next time you open Google Play Books, tap the **Library** tab at the bottom of the screen, then tap **EBOOKS** at the top of the screen.

Score  
0 / 0

#### Method 4 Quiz

How can you read PDFs in Google Play Books?

Choose the "Enable PDF Uploading" option in settings.

You're partially right! You need to check the "Enable PDF Uploading" box if you want to read PDFs and EPUB files. This box will appear when you enter the Google Play Books settings menu. While this is correct, there are other necessary steps to reading a PDF in Google Play Books. Click on another answer to find the right one...

Email the PDF to yourself.

You're not wrong, but there's a better answer! If you want to read PDFs along with EPUB files, you have to email the PDF to yourself first. Then, you should access the PDF in the email app on your device and click the attachment or click the "Download" icon. Though this is correct, there are other steps to reading your PDF in Google Play Books. Try again...

Convert your EPUB file to a PDF.

Almost! If you have an EPUB file that you would like to read across every platform, you can convert the file to a PDF. However, there are other steps that are necessary if you want to access and read a PDF in Google Books. Try again...

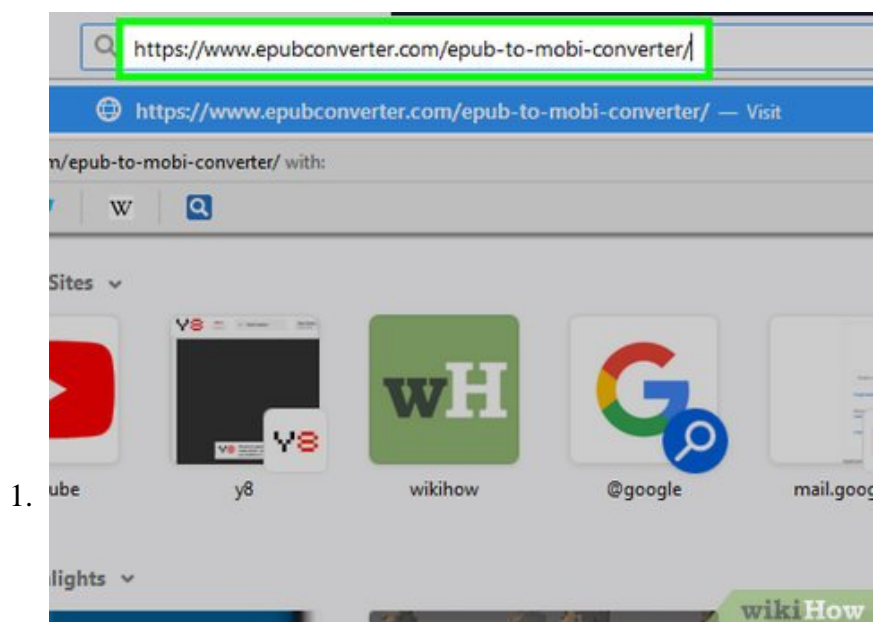
All of the above.

Nice! You typically need to complete all of these steps to read a PDF in Google Play Books. First, you should enable your app to upload PDFs by checking the correct box. Then, make sure you convert the files to PDFs before emailing them to yourself and downloading them onto your Android device. Read on for another quiz question.

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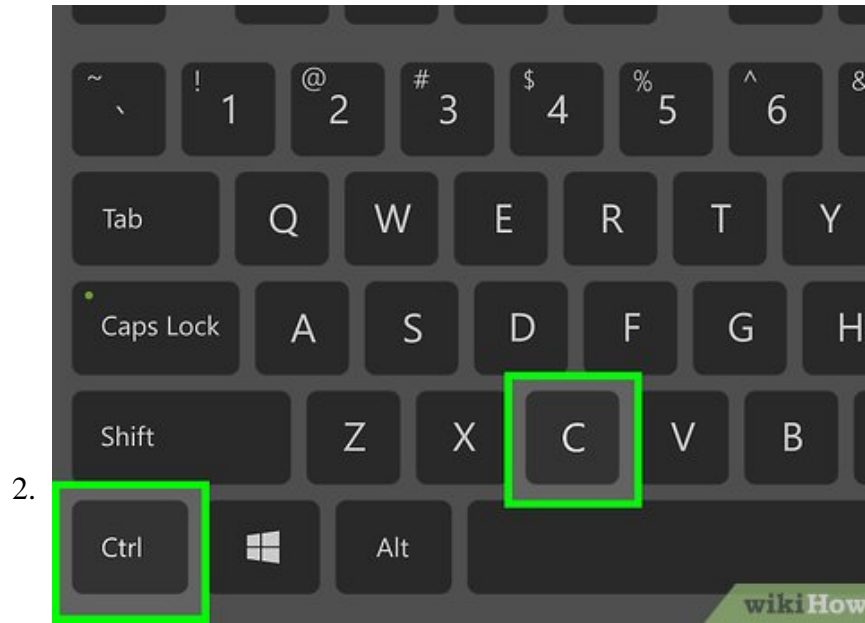
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## Transferring an EPUB File to a Kindle

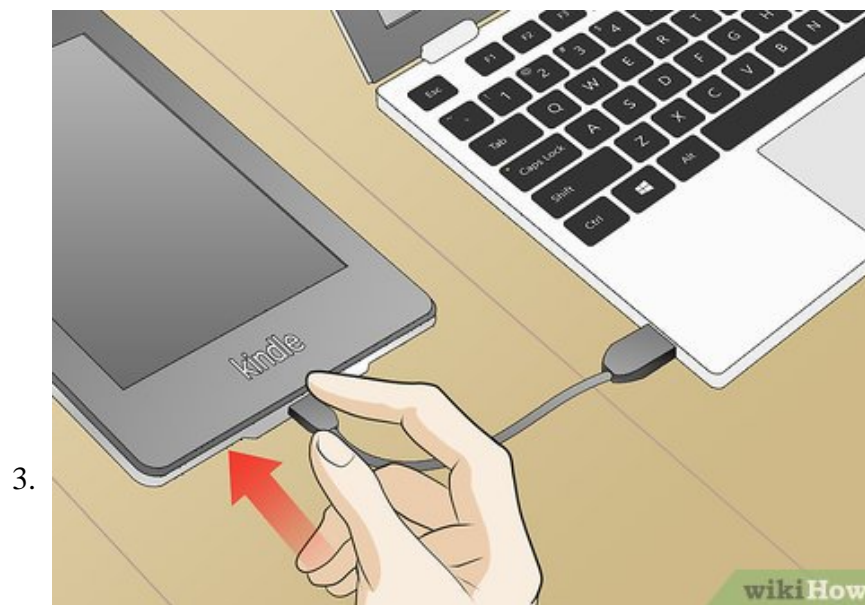


**Convert the EPUB to a MOBI file.** Before an EPUB file can be read on a Kindle Fire or Paperwhite, you'll need to convert the file to the MOBI format. You can do this by going to the EPUB Converter site at <https://www.epubconverter.com/epub-to-mobi-converter/> and then doing the following:

1. Click **Add File...**
2. Select your EPUB file.
3. Click **Open**
4. Click **Start Upload**
5. Click the MOBI file's link in the "Download Link" column.



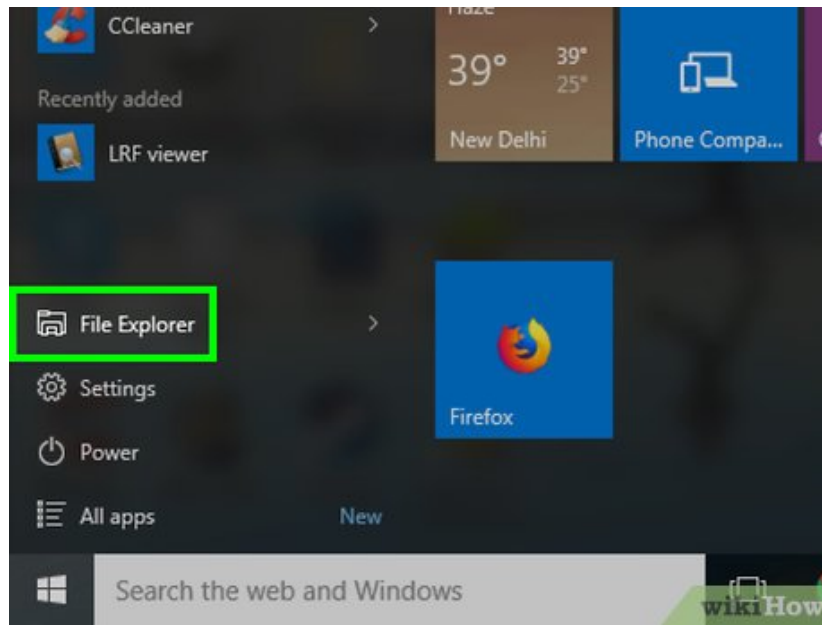
**Copy the MOBI file.** Click the MOBI file to select it, then press `Ctrl + C` (Windows) or `Command + C` (Mac) to copy the file.



**Connect your Kindle to your computer.** Plug the charging end of your Kindle's charger cable into the Kindle, then plug the USB end of the cable into your computer.

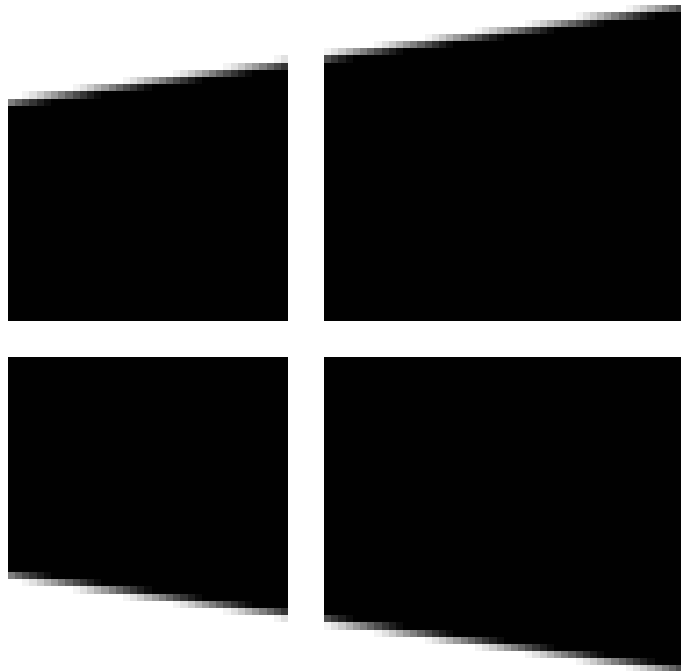
1. If you're using a Mac, you may need a USB 3.0 to USB-C adapter in order to connect the cable to your Mac.

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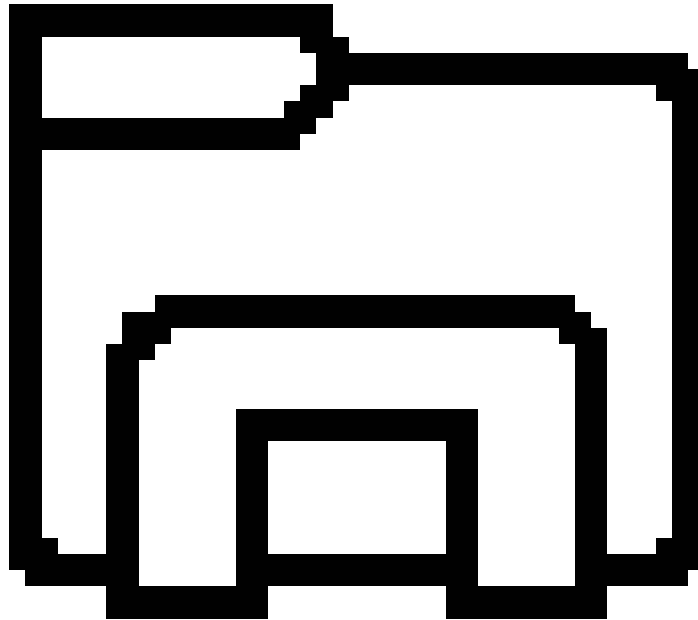


**Open the Kindle.** To do so:

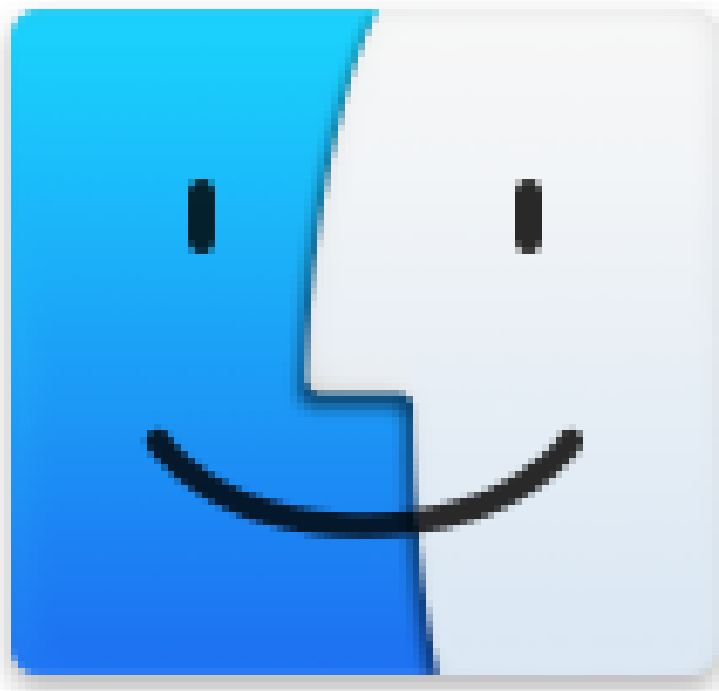
1. *Windows* - Open **Start**



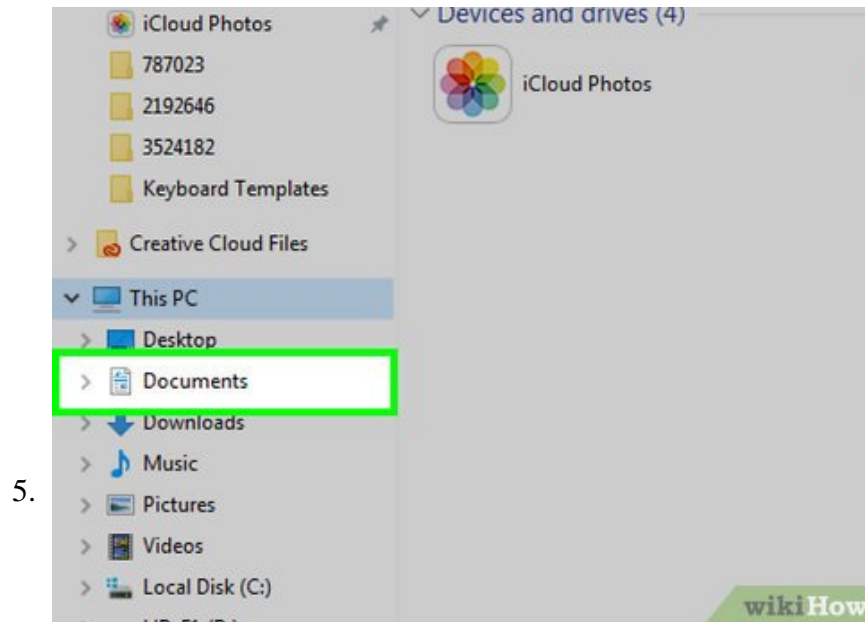
, click **File Explorer**



, click **This PC**, and double-click your Kindle's name.  
2. *Mac* - Open **Finder**

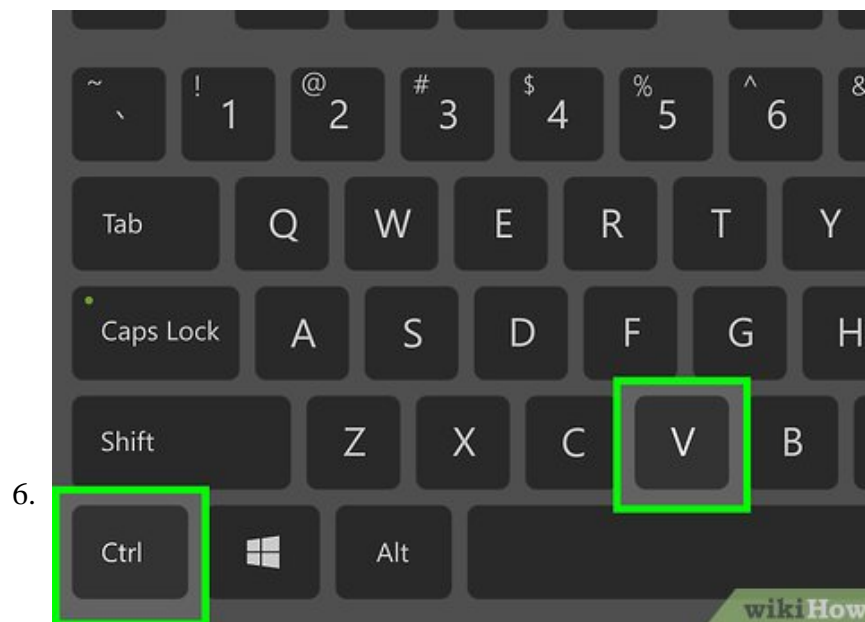


, then click your Kindle's name on the left side of the window.



**Open the "Documents" folder.** Double-click the "Documents" folder that's in your Kindle's folder to do so.

1. You may first need to unlock the Kindle and/or double-click the "Internal Storage" folder.
2. If you're using a Kindle Fire, you'll open the "Books" folder instead.



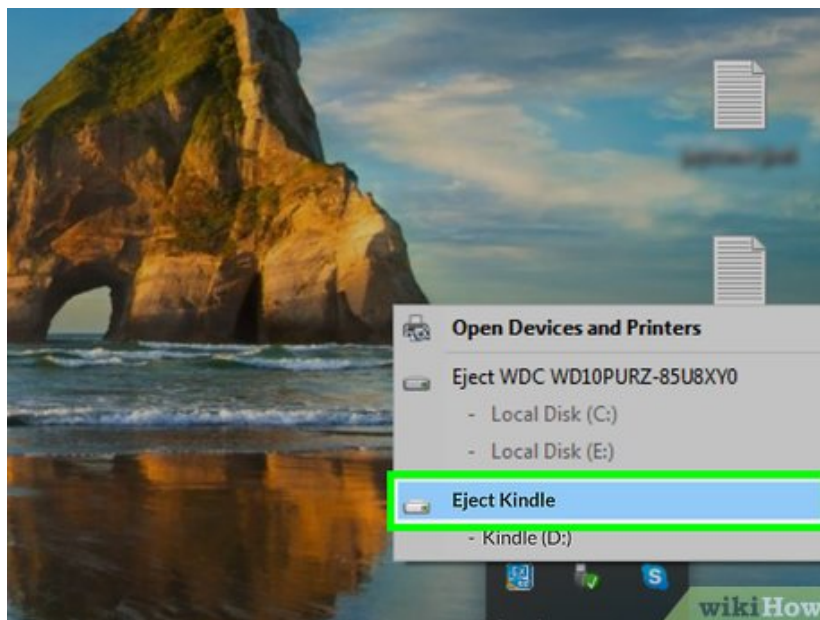
**Paste in the MOBI file.** Press **Ctrl + V** (Windows) or **Command + V** (Mac) to do so.

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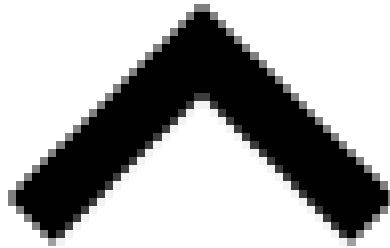
**Wait for the MOBI file to finish transferring.** When the indicator light on your Kindle's cable stops blinking, you can proceed.

8.



**Eject your Kindle.** This will ensure that your files are saved before you remove the Kindle from your computer:

1. *Windows* - Click



in the lower-right corner of the screen, click the flash drive-shaped icon, and click **Eject** in the resulting menu.

2. *Mac* - Click the "Eject" triangle to the right of the Kindle's name in Finder.

Score

0 / 0

### Method 5 Quiz

If you're plugging a Kindle into a new Mac to transfer an EPUB file, what might you need?

A USB-C adapter.

Correct! Mac computers have different cable ports than PC computers or Android and Kindle devices. To make sure you can connect your Kindle and your Mac, you will likely need an adapter that changes a USB 3.0 into a USB-C. Read on for another quiz question.

A USB 3.0 adapter.

Nope! You won't need a USB 3.0 adapter to plug a Kindle into your Mac. However, you do need to make sure you have the right cable, because Mac computers use a different setup than other devices. Guess again!

A USB 3.0 Kindle charging cord.

Not exactly! A USB 3.0 Kindle charging cord won't help you plug your Kindle into a Mac. Mac computers have specific cable hookups that are different from most other devices. There's a better option out there!

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## Converting an EPUB to PDF

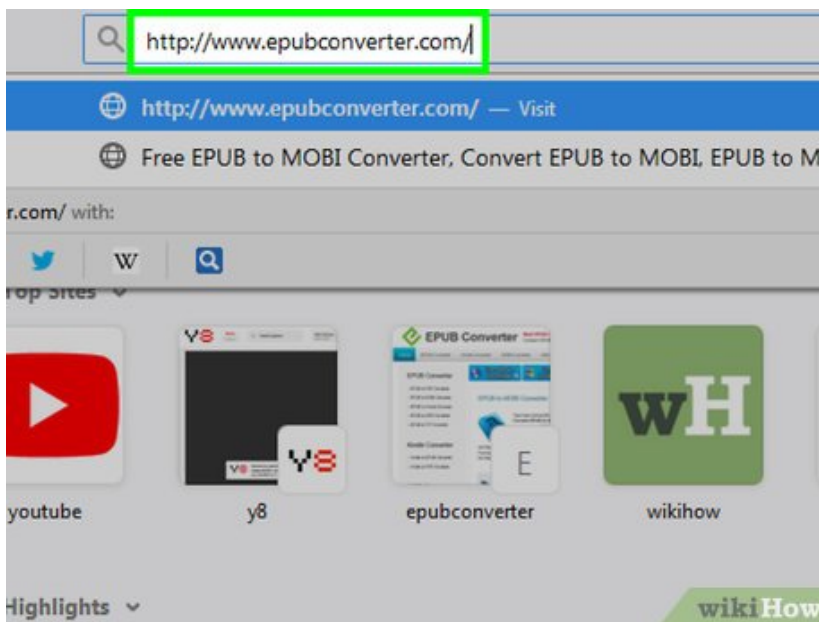
1.



**Save your EPUB file to a familiar folder.** You can convert your EPUB file into a PDF file, which can be opened on most platforms without special software.

1. If you have several EPUB files, you may want to move them all to the same folder to make it simple to convert multiple files.

2.



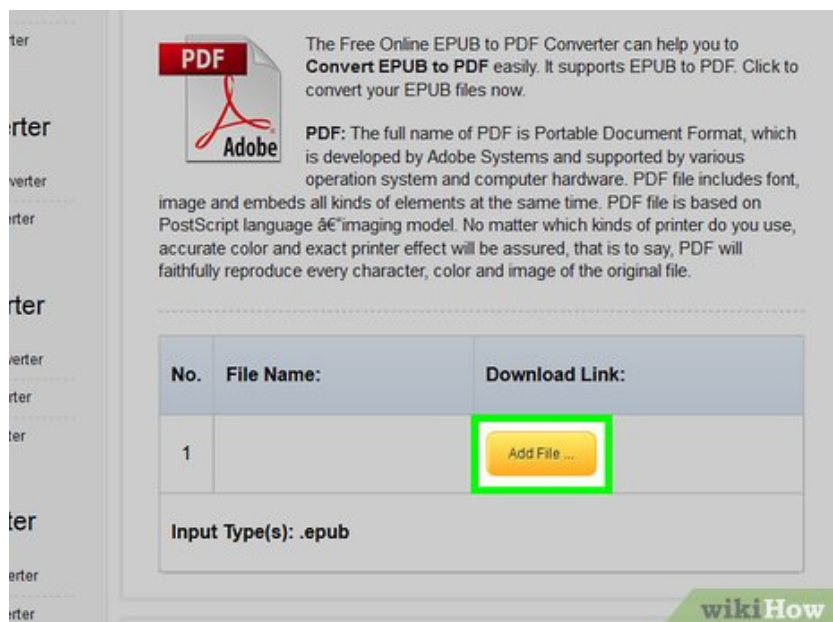
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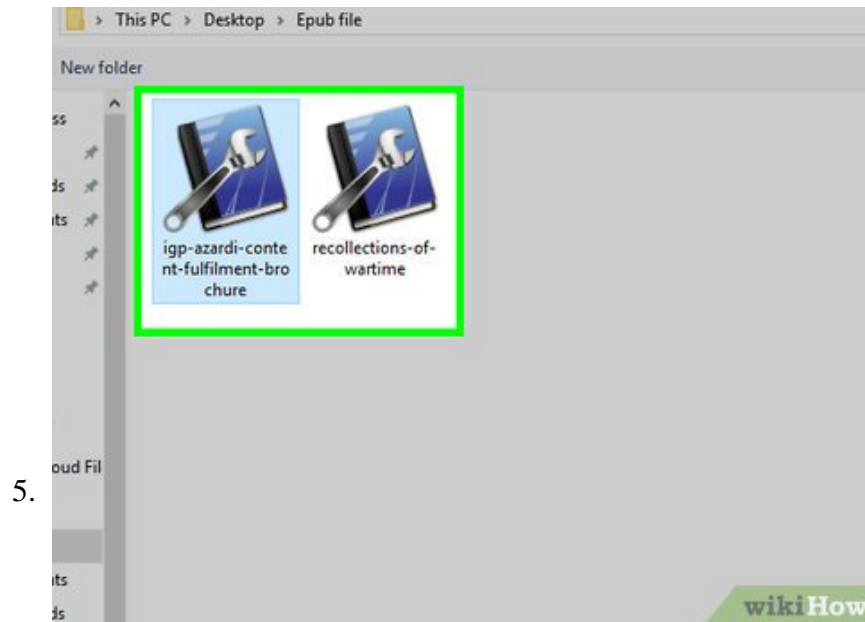


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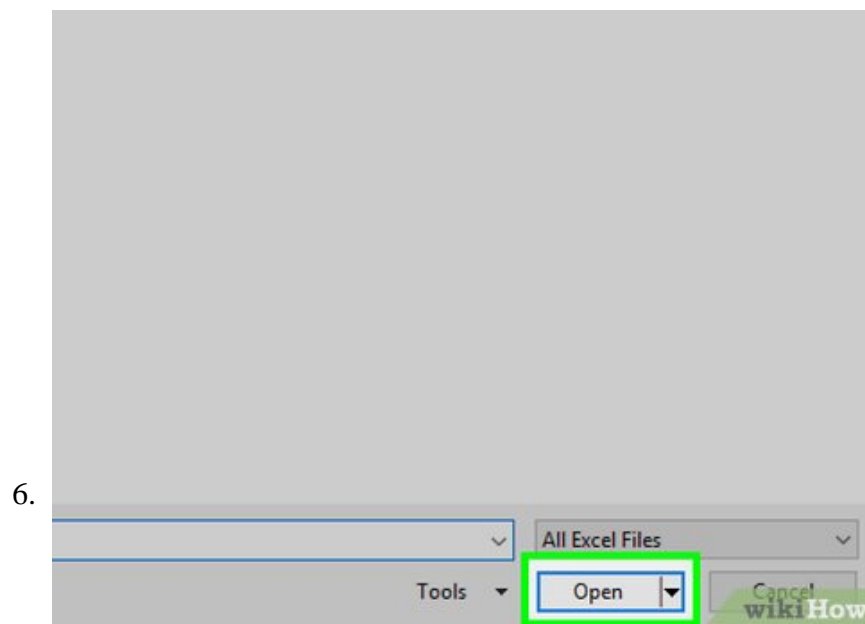
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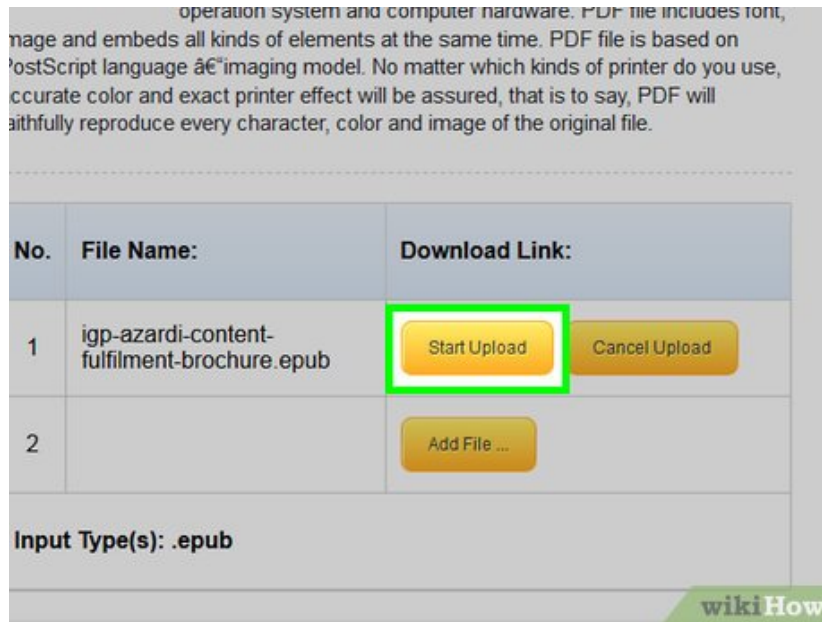
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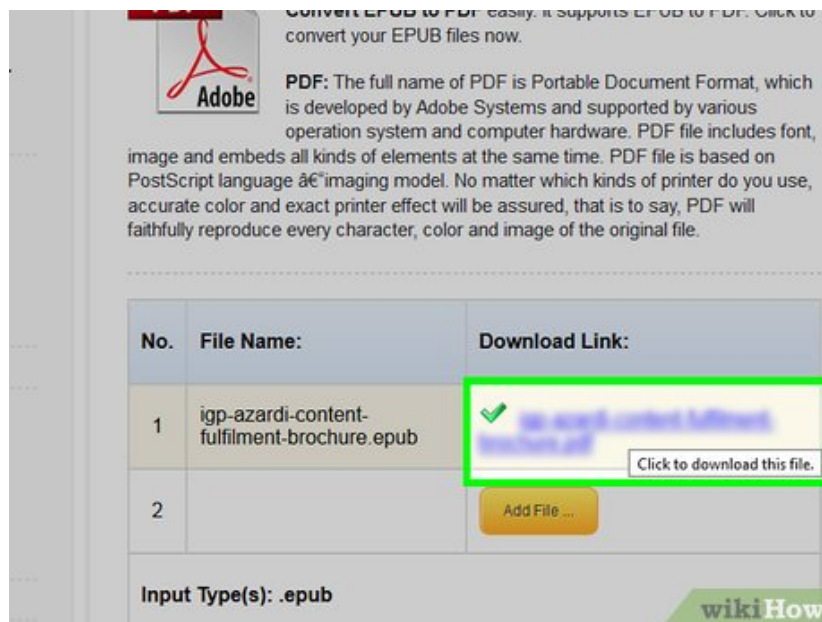
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