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Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words given.

WORDS EASILY CONFUSED

1. invent / discover

- a. Chuck Hull _____ 3D printing in the 1980s.
- b. In 2008, NASA's Mars Phoenix Lander _____ the presence of water on planet Mars.

2. study / research

- a. Scientists have carried out extensive _____ into the causes of the disease.
- b. The findings of a five-year _____ into the effects of mobile phone use are due to be announced shortly.

3. develop / conduct

- a. Our company is currently _____ some new applications for tablets and smartphones.
- b. Experiments should always be _____ under controlled conditions.

4. device / gadget

- a. A mouse is a _____ which is used to select between different options on a computer screen.
- b. A lot of kids will be asking their parents to buy them the latest high-tech _____ this Christmas.

5. plug / socket

If the printer isn't working, you should make sure that the _____ has been put into the _____ properly.

6. software / hardware

Fortunately, there was nothing wrong with the actual _____ of the computer and I just had to update some of the _____ online so that it would run faster.

7. keyboard / keypad

I find it much more difficult to write a message on the _____ of a smartphone than on the _____ of a computer.