1. Match these names to the different *types of computers.*

1. Mainframe	5. Desktop compuetr / PC
2. Laptop	6. Tablet
3. Notebook	7. Smartphone
4. Handheld	8. Minicomputer

2. Read the information about *"Types of computers"* **and find the answers to these questions. <u>Which type of computer is:</u>**

1. the most common?
2. small enough for a pocket?
3. the most common portable?
4. used by many people at the same time?
5. used like mainframes?
6. also called a handheld computer?
7. the most powerful?
8. not suitable for a lot of typing?

Types of computer	Notes
Mainframes	✓ Large, powerful, expensive. ✓ Multi-user systems – used by many people at the same time. ✓ Used for processing very large amounts of data. ✓ The most powerful mainframes are called *supercomputers*.
Minicomputers	✓ Used like mainframes. ✓ Not as big, powerful, or expensive as mainframes. ✓ Less common now because microcomputers have improved.
Microcomputers / Personal computers (PC)	✓ The most common type of computers. ✓ Smaller, cheaper, and less powerful than mainframes and minicomputers.
Types of portable: **Laptop**	✓ About the size of a small typewriter. ✓ Less common now because smaller and lighter portables are available.
Notebook	✓ About the size of a piece of writing paper. ✓ The most common type of portable.
Subnotebook	✓ Not quite as big as notebook. Can fit into a jacket pocket.
Handheld / Palmtop	✓ Small enough to fit into the palm of one

	hand.
	✓ Not easy to type with because of their size.
	✓ Often used as personal organizers.