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## Types of Computers

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

### Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What kinds of computers are typical for personal use?
- 2 What kinds of computers are typical for business use?

### Reading

2 Read the journal article. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the main idea of the article?
  - A recommendations for computer purchases
  - B the challenges of today's software engineering industry
  - C the equipment that a computer company manufactures
  - D technology arising from advances in software development
- 2 According to the article, which of the following is NOT something that software engineers do?
  - A create programs for individual use on PCs
  - B develop complex software to run on government computing clusters
  - C connect many computers to large corporate servers
  - D increase the size of desktops for homes and businesses
- 3 What opinion does the article express about software engineering?
  - A It is expanding more quickly each year.
  - B It is responsible for improving many areas of people's lives.
  - C It is a good area in which to start a successful career.
  - D It is a subject that everyone should be educated about.

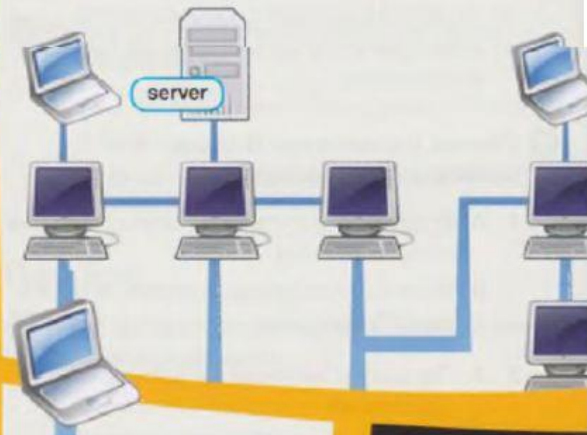
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## LET'S FACE IT: WE RELY ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERS

They create programs for our home **PCs**. They also develop advanced software for government **computing clusters**. They help us connect multiple **workstations** to massive corporate **servers**.

Home **computers** were a luxury just a short time ago. People felt lucky to have bulky **desktops** in homes and businesses. Now these computers are smaller and more powerful. Many people use **laptops** or **notebooks** instead. **Tablets** provide added mobility. And now people can install **embedded computers** just about anywhere.

This is all possible because of software engineers. The software development industry strives to make life easier. So from all of us at The Weekly Techie: thanks, software engineers!





## Vocabulary

### 3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

- 1 \_\_ PC                      3 \_\_ laptop                      5 \_\_ workstation  
2 \_\_ tablet                      4 \_\_ desktop

- A a very small computer that typically does not have a keyboard  
B a hinged computer that is easy to transport  
C a computer that is intended for personal use  
D a powerful computer that processes advanced tasks  
E a computer that is intended for use in one location

### 4 Read the sentences and choose the correct words.

- 1 The student carried a **desktop / notebook** to class every day.
- 2 The company connected all of its computers to the same **PC / server**.
- 3 Early **computers / laptops** were so large that they occupied entire rooms.
- 4 A **tablet / computing cluster** is more powerful than most other types of computers.
- 5 The company installed **embedded computers / workstations** in employees' cars.

5. There are many types of computers. Make a contribution of information on the Jamboard.

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