

## COMPARATIVE AND SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

### Lesson 8



**Activity 1:** Look at the chart and complete this phone conversation. Use the words given.

Comparison between two ePhones		
	Classic	Fonarama
Dimensions	115 x 61 x 11.6 mm	96 x 52 x 9.7 mm
Weight	135 g	94 g
Screen size	88.9 mm (diagonal)	72 mm (diagonal)
Capacity	8GB, 12 GB	8GB, 12GB, 16GB
Battery	16 hours	24 hours
Charging time	3.5 hours	3 hours

lighter      smaller  
thinner      bigger

A: What's the difference between the Classic and the Fonarama ePhones?

B: Well, the Fonarama is much (1) \_\_\_\_\_ than the Classic. It's only 9.7 mm thick.

A: I see. And what about the weight?

B: The Fonarama is much (2) \_\_\_\_\_ than the Classic. It weighs only 94 g.

A: OK, and what about the screen size?

B: The screen of the Fonarama is much (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It's only 72 mm across.

A: I prefer a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ screen size. I want to watch movies on it. I'll order the Classic.

B: Certainly. Which one would you like? The 8 GB one or the 12 GB one?

A: The 12 GB one, please.

**Activity 2:** Use the chart in activity 1 to make three superlative sentences. Use these adjectives: thick, small and heavy.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity 3:** Choose the best option to complete the sentences. Pay attention! There are comparatives and superlatives.

1. This new model has the \_\_\_\_\_ (more durable / durable / most durable) battery.
2. I don't know which to buy! But I think this laptop is \_\_\_\_\_ (fast / fastest / faster) than the small one.
3. Which storage device is the \_\_\_\_\_ (cheaper/ cheap / more expensive/ cheapest)?
4. The printer we have is \_\_\_\_\_ (easier / easy / easiest) to use than this one.



Activity 1: Listen and read the magazine article.

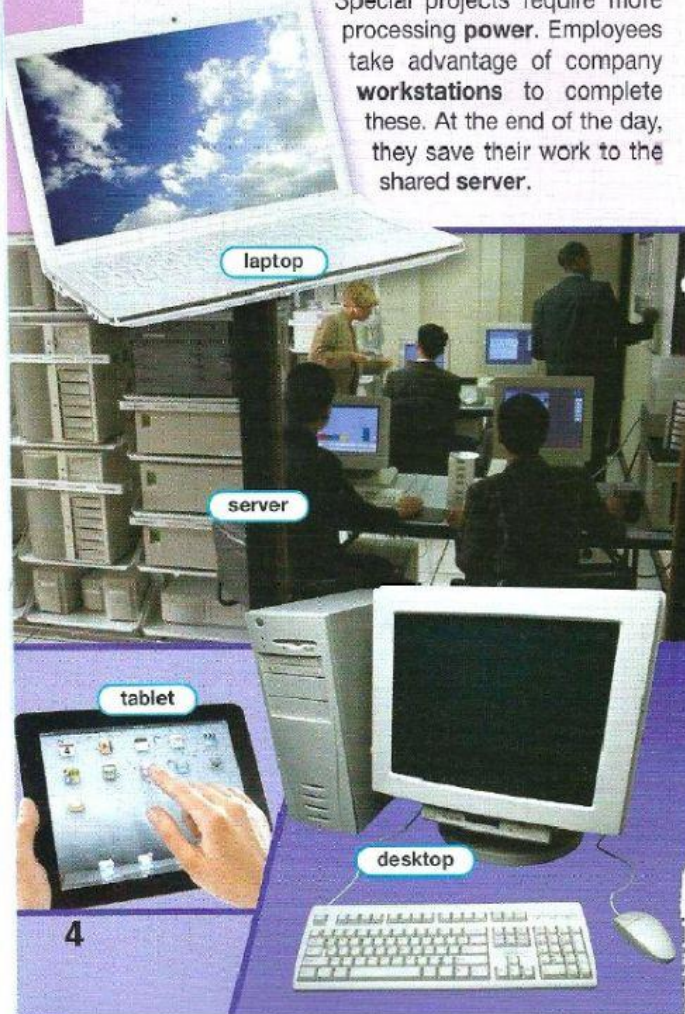


### Computers in the Workplace

**Computers** are an important part of an employee's day. In many offices, every worker has their own **personal computer**. They prepare reports and other documents on it. They also check email and access the Internet with it. Usually this machine is a **desktop computer**. However, nowadays employees are using **laptops** more often, too. Employees can take these smaller **notebook** computers to meetings and to business talks.

An especially **portable** computer is the **tablet**. With a tablet an employee can keep in touch with co-workers from almost anywhere.

Special projects require more processing **power**. Employees take advantage of company **workstations** to complete these. At the end of the day, they save their work to the shared **server**.



Activity 2: Reread and choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the main purpose of the article?
  - A to promote the use of laptops in the workplace
  - B to describe the kinds of computers employees use
  - C to remind employees to save their work data
  - D to recommend tablet computers over other kinds
- 2 Which of the following is NOT an advantage of laptop and tablet computers?
  - A Unlike desktop computers, laptops and tablets are portable.
  - B They are smaller than desktop computers.
  - C Employees can take laptops and tablets to meetings.
  - D Employees can get the most processing power from laptops and tablets.
- 3 Which kind of computer works well for more demanding projects?
  - A workstations
  - B tablets
  - C desktops
  - D notebooks

Activity 3: Match the words or phrases (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1 __ laptop      | 4 __ power             |
| 2 __ workstation | 5 __ personal computer |
| 3 __ server      |                        |
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- A a computer for use by one person
  - B a small, mobile computer
  - C part of a computer network that stores and processes information
  - D the ability of a computer to complete instructions
  - E a more powerful computer for special tasks





Activity 1: What's in your computer? Listen and read the magazine article.



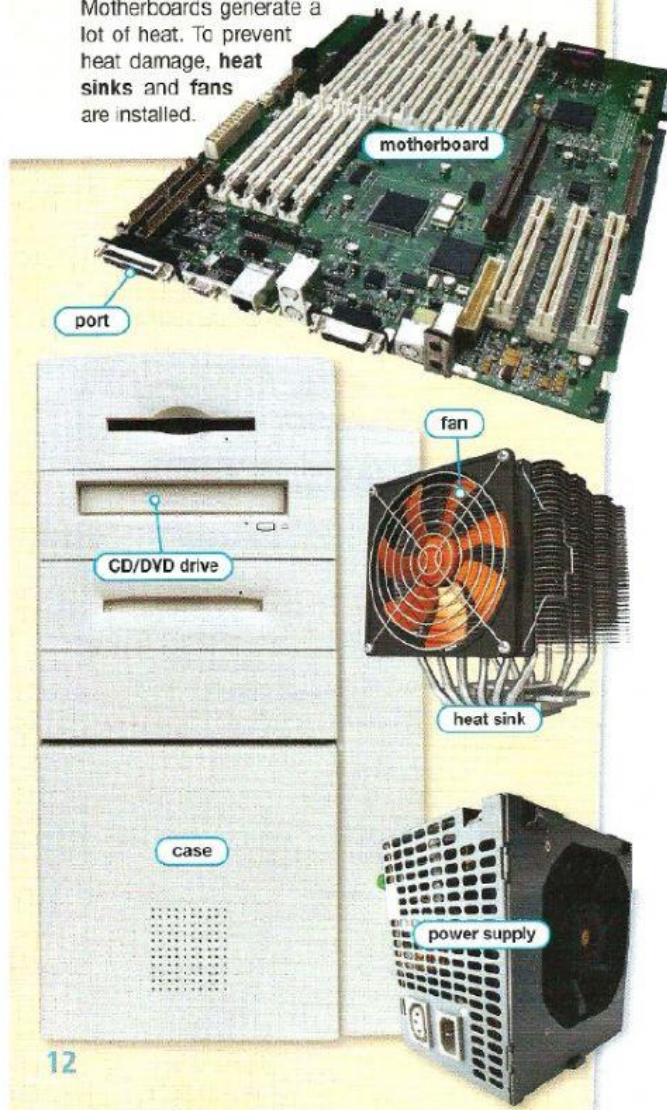
### What's in Your Computer?

Have you ever wondered what's under your computer **case**? Don't take it apart — just read on to find out.

The **hard drive** is the main part that stores data. A **disk drive** is for reading and copying data. The first drives used floppy disks, but today we use **CD/DVD drives**.

One of the most important parts is the **motherboard**. It contains the **CPU** or central **processor** and electrical connections. These receive energy from the **power supply** and distribute it. The board also includes other components like **ports**.

Motherboards generate a lot of heat. To prevent heat damage, **heat sinks** and **fans** are installed.



Activity 2: Reread the text and choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the article?
  - A to explain how to fix a computer
  - B to describe computer components
  - C to show how devices communicate
  - D to teach how to construct a computer
- 2 Which part generates the most heat?
  - A the hard drive
  - B the disk drive
  - C the motherboard
  - D the ports
- 3 How are motherboards protected?
  - A by heat sinks and fans
  - B by installing power supplies
  - C by switching to CD drives
  - D by adding second processors

Activity 3: Match the words or phrases (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1 __ fan        | 4 __ power supply |
| 2 __ disk drive | 5 __ motherboard  |
| 3 __ heat sink  | 6 __ processor    |

- A a part that reduces heat
- B a mechanical part used to move air
- C a part that interprets and runs programs
- D the means of providing energy
- E the central circuit board
- F a part that allows data to be read and copied