WHAT IS A COMPUTER?

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1. **The basic tasks of the microprocessor are:**

   a. ○ Input and output.
   b. ○ Control and calculation.
   c. ○ Storage and control.



2. **Peripheral equipment is:**

   a. ○ Screen and keyboard.
   b. ○ Keyboard and mouse.
   c. ○ Devices connected to the CPU.

3. **Information is stored:**

   a. ○ On the screen.
   b. ○ In memory chips and other devices.
   c. ○ In the keyboard.

4. **Another word for information is:**

   a. ○ Dates.
   b. ○ Data.
   c. ○ Dating.

5. **The mouse is connected to:**

   a. ○ The CPU.
   b. ○ The screen.
   c. ○ The printer.

A computer is *an information processing machine. Information goes in and results come out. The basic tasks of control and calculation are carried out by a microprocessor, but when you look at a computer you only see the peripheral devices, such as the screen, keyboard, mouse and printer which are connected to the CPU. The equipment or hardware, however, cannot perform any tasks without instructions in the form of a program. This is called software. The computer also needs to store data and software, so the hardware also includes memory chips and other devices such as a hard disk.*