

1. Guess if *a-h* below are *true* (T) or *false* (F).

- a. Computers will soon be ready to use seconds after turning them on.
- b. The article suggests bald people will be happy with this news.
- c. A basic bit of software needs to be upgraded to make PCs boot quicker.
- d. Current boot-up speed is because the computer has to prepare the OS.
- e. A development group member said boot-up time will take 25 seconds.
- f. The member said computers will never be instantly on.
- g. The time saved in booting up will save industries billions of dollars.
- h. Home PC users will no longer have to tap their fingers on their desk.

2. Match the following synonyms:

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| 1. welcome | a. fundamental |
| 2. boot up | b. traditional |
| 3. basic | c. hoped for |
| 4. groundwork | d. encouraging |
| 5. flexible | e. a huge amount |
| 6. overseeing | f. adaptable |
| 7. handful | g. start |
| 8. conventional | h. a few |
| 9. expected | i. preparation |
| 10. fortune | j. supervising |

3. Phrase match:

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| 1. A big and welcome | a. of start-up software |
| 2. time spent waiting for our computer | b. that every day |
| 3. the minute or three we currently | c. to boot up |
| 4. one of the most basic pieces | d. a fortune |
| 5. more flexible and | e. change |
| 6. head of the group overseeing | f. on their desk |
| 7. we're getting it under a | g. the development |
| 8. we're getting closer to | h. have to wait |
| 9. costs industry | i. much faster |
| 10. tapping their fingers | j. handful of seconds |