

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:

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:

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