



COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET



Software or hardware?

Software (abstract)

Hardware (physical)

a hard drive



a keyboard



a laser printer



a media player



a mouse



an antivirus



an application



an operating system



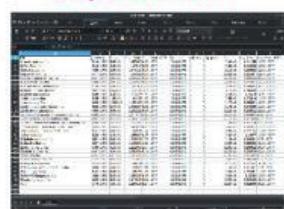
a pen drive



a scanner



a spreadsheet



a monitor



Which of the above devices or programmes would you use to ...

1. make a copy of your screen on paper?
2. make a copy of a sheet of paper on your screen?
3. store data and transfer it to another computer?
4. protect your computer from harmful programmes?
5. double-click on an icon?
6. play music or videos?
7. type out an email or document?
8. calculate your monthly expenses?

On the Internet

1. I need to transfer these files to another computer, so I'll use _____ to copy and carry them easily.
2. When working on my computer, I prefer using a wireless _____ because it gives me more freedom to move around.
3. Last night, I watched a movie on my computer using a popular _____ to enjoy high-quality playback.
4. To save my important documents and photos, I always back them up on _____ for extra security.
5. I'm working on a financial report, and I find it easier to organize data using a software like Microsoft Excel, which is a powerful _____.
6. My printer is acting up, so I might need to replace the toner cartridge in my _____ to get clear and crisp printouts.
7. I spilled coffee on my laptop keyboard, and now some keys are not working. I might need to buy a new _____.
8. I have a job interview tomorrow, and I need to update my resume using a word processing _____.
9. My computer screen is too small, so I'm thinking of buying a larger _____ for a better viewing experience.
10. I have a presentation next week, and I'll need to connect my laptop to a projector. Luckily, I have the right cable to link the laptop to the _____.



Types of websites

Match the type of website on the left with the activities on the right.

1. social networking websites	a. buying and selling goods, bidding on items
2. blogs	b. connecting with friends, sharing pictures
3. forums	c. doing courses online
4. auction websites	d. downloading/uploading large files, e.g. music and films
5. file sharing websites	e. finding websites, surfing the net
6. search engines	f. participating in discussions and posting comments on a specific topic
7. e-learning websites	g. sending and receiving emails
8. webmail sites	h. writing an online diary

Talking point

What do you usually do on the Internet? What types of websites do you use? What online activities do you avoid? Why?