



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



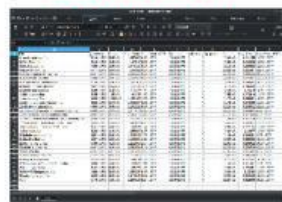
a pen drive



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.

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| 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?