#4. Types of Computers.

1. **Match these names to the different *types of computers.***

1. Mainframe	**5. Desktop compuetr / PC**
2. Laptop	**6. Tablet**
3. Notebook	**7. Smartphone**
4. Handheld	**8. Minicomputer**

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2. **Read the information about *"Types of computers"* and find the answers to these questions. <u>Which type of computer is:</u>**

1. the most common?
2. small enough for a pocket?
3. the most common portable?
4. used by many people at the same time?
5. used like mainframes?
6. also called a handheld computer?
7. the most powerful?
8. not suitable for a lot of typing?

Types of computer	Notes
Mainframes	✓ Large, powerful, expensive. ✓ Multi-user systems – used by many people at the same time. ✓ Used for processing very large amounts of data. ✓ The most powerful mainframes are called *supercomputers*.
Minicomputers	✓ Used like mainframes. ✓ Not as big, powerful, or expensive as mainframes. ✓ Less common now because microcomputers have improved.
Microcomputers / Personal computers (PC)	✓ The most common type of computers. ✓ Smaller, cheaper, and less powerful than mainframes and minicomputers.
Types of portable: **Laptop**	✓ About the size of a small typewriter. ✓ Less common now because smaller and lighter portables are available.
Notebook	✓ About the size of a piece of writing paper. ✓ The most common type of portable.
Subnotebook	✓ Not quite as big as notebook. Can fit into a jacket pocket.
Handheld / Palmtop	✓ Small enough to fit into the palm of one

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	hand. ✓ Not easy to type with because of their size. ✓ Often used as personal organizers.

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