



# Introduction To Computers

#### LEARNER'S OUTCOMES



After completing this chapter, you will be able to:

- know the features of a computer
- list the differences between computer and a human being
- identify the parts connected to a computer
- recognise different types of computers

Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class to learn about the parts and types of a computer.

We see so many machines everyday like a television, a CD player and a tablet. All these are **electronic** machines.



television



CD player



tablet

A **computer** is also an electronic machine which is used to do different kinds of work. We play games, watch movies, send and receive messages, draw pictures and solve sums with the help of this machine.

## **■ WHAT A COMPUTER DOES**

- A computer works continuously.
- A computer works very fast and can do large number of calculations in seconds.
- A computer never makes mistakes.
- A computer can do many things at the same time.



computer

Let us see the difference between a computer and a human bein.

A human bein.

works very fast.



does not need rest.

never makes mistakes.

has no feelings.

works on the instructions given by human beings.

## A human being

is slow in doing calculations.

needs rest after work,

makes mistakes.

has emotions and feelings, can think and take decisions,

#### Do You Know

The word computer comes from the word 'compute' which means 'to calculate'.

## **PARTS CONNECTED TO A COMPUTER**

CPU, monitor, keyboard and mouse are the main parts of a computer. Let us learn about some other parts that are connected to a computer.

- Printer helps you to take your work on the paper. It means, the printer prints on the paper, the same work that is shown on the monitor.
- Speakers and headphone are used to listen recorded songs, voice, speech and other types of sounds from a computer.
- Scanner is used to put your pictures into the computer.
- UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) is used to keep the computer ON for sometime, when the electricity goes OFF.



printer



speakers



headphone



scanner



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Inserting and removing a pen drive from the computer. (Take the help of your teacher)

#### Guidelines:

Step-1: Insert the pen drive into the USB port of the CPU box.

Step-2: Double-click **This PC** icon on the Desktop. The **This PC** window appears.

icon. The Removable Disk (F:) window appears displaying the content stored in the pen drive.

Step-4: Now, click Up ↑ button on the Removable Disk (F:) window. The This PC window appears.

Step-5: Right-click the Removable Disk (F:) icon.

Step-6: Click the **Eject** option to remove the pen drive.





## **TYPES OF COMPUTERS**

Computers are of different shapes and sizes. Some are big while others are small. Let us learn about the different types of computers.

## **Desktop Computer**

It has a keyboard, mouse, monitor and CPU that are connected together using wires.

- It is kept on a desk or a table.
- It works on electricity.

Desktop computer

It is big and heavy. So, you cannot move it easily from one place to another.



**Laptop Computer** It has a keyboard, mouse, monitor and CPU in it. You keep it on your lap, while working on it. Laptop computer It works on battery. It is smaller and lighter than a desktop computer. So, you can carry it easily from one place to another. **Tablet And Smartphone** These are touchscreen computers. They work on battery. ## They are smaller and lighter than a laptop computer. So, you can carry them in your pocket or handbag. Tablet Smartphone 5 contracts Do You Know Desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet and smartphone are also called Personal Computers (PCs) as they are used by only one person at a time. \* Rolltop computer has a screen which can be rolled. You can use it as a desktop computer, laptop computer and tablet. **Practical In Computer Lab** Cross Curricular - Science Type the given lines on the importance of food Untitled - Notepad using Notepad. (Take the help of your teacher) Eile Edit Format Yiew Help We need food to live and grow. Food gives us energy to work and play. **Multiple Choice Questions** Tick (✓) the correct option. 1. A computer cannot ..... (a) do calculations (b) draw pictures (c) think 2. A laptop computer works on . (a) fuel (b) electricity (c) battery Cordova Learning Series Computer-2

#### **Note For The Teacher**

- Take students to the computer lab. Ask them to identify printer, scanner, headphone, speakers and UPS.
- Give demonstration on the working of Notepad.

#### More Fun in Lab

Visit your computer lab. Write the names of all the parts of a computer that you see there in your notebook.

#### Read Aloud

headphone

laptop

printer

scanner

smartphone

tablet

Use Cordova Smart Class Software on the smart board in class to do these exercises.

## **EXERCISES**

## Section-A

#### A Quiz

- Name any two electronic machines.
- 2. Name the type of computer which is smaller than a laptop computer.

#### **Multiple Choice Questions** B

Tick (✓) the correct option.

- 1. ...... keeps the computer ON for sometime, when the electricity goes OFF.
  - (a) CPU
- (b) UPS
- (c) VDU

- 2. A computer ..... very fast.
  - (a) walks
- (b) sleeps
- (c) works
- ..... is used to put your pictures into the computer. 3.
  - (a) Speaker
- (b) Printer
- (c) Scanner
- 4. You can carry ..... in your pocket or handbag.
  - (a) tablet
- (b) smartphone (c) both(a)and(b)



## c) Wr

## Write T for true statement and F for false statement

- 1. A computer is an electronic machine.
- 2. A computer cannot work continuously.
- 3. A human being needs rest after work.



## Answer the following

1. W	hat is the	use of a	printer?
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2.	Write one difference between a computer and a human	ha:
	The state of the s	being.

3. Write two things that a computer	does.
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## A

## **Project**

Insert and remove a pen drive from a laptop computer. Check whether the steps are the same as followed in a computer.

### B

### **Activity**

Complete the names of the parts connected to a computer.



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