

Computers

Computers are a common part of our everyday lives in the 21st century. Computers can be tiny and found in places that you would not think of as a computer. Your television probably contains a computer. Your watch might have a computer. An ATM certainly contains a computer. And, unless it is old, your car contains a computer.

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The desktop computers that most people use for school work or office work usually have a common design. They have a screen on which you can see words and images, a keyboard where you type words, and a mouse to move the cursor across the screen. But the computer itself is often in a black box under the table. That computer has some essential parts. The processor is the computer's 'brain', and the memory chips contain what the computer is 'thinking' about right now. The hard drive remembers things for a long time, and the motherboard allows all these pieces to connect and work together.

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The computer is only a screen; is that right?

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Can I call my mother a motherboard?

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What do you call a computer's brain?