



Computers

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ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY



-
- To turn on
 - To switch on
 - To start up
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- ❖ To reboot = *to turn on again*
 - ❖ To re-start = *to turn on again*
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- ☐ To turn off your computer
 - ☐ To turn on sleep mode

Adjectives to describe "Computers"

Positive Opinion

- ✓ A **hefty** laptop = *big and heavy*
- ✓ A **clunky** laptop = *big and old fashioned*
- ✓ A **bulky** desktop = *takes up a lot of space*

Negative Opinion

- A **slick** tablet = *thin, fashionable, nice-looking*
- A **lightweight** laptop = not heavy
- A **nifty** laptop = *small and fashionable*

Uses of Computers

I use my laptop **to watch** movies

(or)

I **make use of it** to _____

- do some research
- follow the news
- play games
- check my Facebook status

I use it **for watching** movies

It's really **handy** for _____ (=convenient)

It **comes in handy** for _____ (=to be convenient)

- watching movies
- coding
- preparing presentations
- surfing the Internet
- shopping online

Challenges of Using Computers

- They are so **fragile** and easy to break.
- The **battery** can **run out** too quickly.
- They often have **compatibility issues**, so I can't share Mac Pages with a Windows computer.
- Insufficient **storage space** can be problematic.
- **Accessing a Wi-Fi network** can be challenging.
- There is a **threat from** malware, viruses and cyberattacks.

Glitches can be a problem .
_____ can be a problem.
_____ can be problematic.

Idioms to talk about computers

- ❑ I **feel brain dead** = *I can no longer focus*
- ❑ I **feel sluggish** = *I feel slow and without energy*
- ❑ I need to **get my brain in gear** = *to start focusing and concentrating*
- ❑ I have just had a **brainwave** = *a great idea*
- ❑ Can you say it **in layman's terms**? = *say it simply please!*
- ❑ **Cut out the jargon**, please! = *don't use technical words!*
- ❑ I like to **surf the net** = *to browse the Internet*
- ❑ I am not that **tech savvy** = *I don't know much about computers*
- ❑ The internet connection is **a bit hit and miss** today = *not very stable*