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## Peripherals

Device:	Description:	Cost:
S57 Keyboard	This <b>input device</b> is available in three languages. It has a <b>USB</b> connection.	<b>\$75</b>
Standard Mouse	Our <b>mouse</b> has a wireless connection, two buttons and a <b>scroll wheel</b> .	<b>\$64</b>
Ep320 Scanner	This <b>scanner</b> reads documents up to 216mm by 297mm.	<b>\$179</b>
PR-15 Microphone	Our <b>microphone</b> collects crystal clear sound.	<b>\$56</b>
LCD Monitor	Our LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) monitors offer crisp images, and take up little space.	<b>\$167</b>
Prinpro 2000 Printer	The Prinpro2000 produces color pictures and documents quickly.	<b>\$99</b>
SoftTouch Touch Screen	The <b>touch screen</b> allows input without a keyboard and is programmable for many uses.	<b>\$280</b>

1 monitor

2 keyboard

3 scanner

4 mouse

5 printer

6 microphone

## Get ready!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 How do computers receive information from users?
- 2 What devices can you attach to computers?

## Reading

2 Read the advertisement from a computer parts catalogue. Then, mark the following answers as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 \_\_\_ The keyboard has a wireless connection.
- 2 \_\_\_ The LCD monitor does not require a lot of room.
- 3 \_\_\_ The touch screen comes with a keyboard.

## Vocabulary

3 Match the words (1-5) with the definitions (A-E).

- |                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1 ___ keyboard | 4 ___ microphone |
| 2 ___ mouse    | 5 ___ monitor    |
| 3 ___ scanner  |                  |

- A a device that reads images and sends them to a computer  
 B a device that displays images  
 C a device that enters information into a computer  
 D a device that gathers sounds  
 E a device that is used to control a pointer or cursor

**4 Check (✓) the sentence that is true.**

- 1  A A keyboard reads documents.  
 B A USB cable connects computers and devices.
- 2  A A peripheral is the main part of a computer.  
 B A printer creates documents and pictures.
- 3  A An input device enters information.  
 B A microphone creates sounds.
- 4  A A monitor inputs sound.  
 B A touch screen does not need a mouse.
- 5  A A scanner displays pictures and words.  
 B A peripheral is a device that is added to a computer.

**5 Listen and read the advertisement from a computer catalog again. What is a USB used for?**

**Listening**

**6 Listen to a telephone conversation between an employee and a business owner. Check each item that the employee suggests.**

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor      | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Mouse   |
| 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Touch Screen | 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Printer |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Keyboard     | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Scanner |

**7 Listen again and complete the conversation.**

**A:** Computers International, can I help you?  
**B:** Yes. My firm's computer system needs an 1 \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A:** What type of business is it?  
**B:** A restaurant. Here's the problem. Customer's orders take too long to 2 \_\_\_\_\_.  
**A:** Then, I suggest our new 3 \_\_\_\_\_.  
 You just move the data on the screen with your fingertip.  
**B:** That sounds good. I want to create menus, too. Do you have 4 \_\_\_\_\_ for that?  
**A:** Well, I recommend a new 5 \_\_\_\_\_. The new ones print as well as a professional service.  
**B:** Great. Let's talk about prices.

**Speaking**

**8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.**

**USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:**

*My computer system needs an upgrade.  
 What type of business is it?  
 I suggest our ...*

**Student A:** You are an employee helping a business owner who needs an equipment upgrade. Ask Student B:

- what he or she wants
- his or her type of business
- types of peripherals needed

**Student B:** You are a business owner. Ask the employee for help with a computer upgrade.

**Writing**

**9 Using the conversation from Task 8, fill in your feedback on the form.**

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## Customer feedback form

- 1 Was our employee helpful? Y / N
- 2 Did our employee make suggestions? Y / N
- 3 What products were you interested in?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 What peripherals did our employee recommend?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

## Unit 1

**Employee (W):** Excuse me, Mr. Hopkins? I have a question about the restructuring.

**Hopkins (M):** Please, come in. What's your question?

**Employee:** Well, I'm now in the Quality Assurance section.

**Hopkins:** Yes. You have a great understanding of hardware.

**Employee:** Thanks, but I have more experience with Information Security.

**Hopkins:** I see. You want a transfer, then?

**Employee:** Exactly, I feel that I'm more valuable there.

**Hopkins:** Let me think about it.

## Unit 2

**IT Professional (M):** Here's your new office. Jon works in here, too.

**New Employee (W):** So, everyone has their own desktop computers. Do we have laptops?

**IT Professional:** Yes. That's your computer there. Laptops are in the IT department.

**New Employee:** Okay, but I also need a workstation.

**IT Professional:** Right, you work on some powerful programs. Those are next door.

**New Employee:** Do I sign up to use them? I mean, how do I get access to one?

**IT Professional:** Just log on to the server. All computers connect to it. Then, click "reserve workstation".

**New Employee:** Thanks!

## Unit 3

**Ivan (M):** Technology support, Ivan speaking. How can I help?

**Natalie (W):** I have an old hard drive and I need help taking it out.

**Ivan:** Okay. Unplug the connection to the power supply first. Then, disconnect the motherboard cable.

**Natalie:** Which one is the power supply?

**Ivan:** It's the smaller black box in the corner.

**Natalie:** I'm unplugging both. What's next?

**Ivan:** Next, take out those two small screws. They fasten the hard drive to the case.

**Natalie:** I see, and then it slides out. Thanks!

## Unit 4

**Steve (M):** Computers International, can I help you?

**Beth (W):** Yes. My firm's computer system needs an upgrade.

**Steve:** What type of business is it?

**Beth:** A restaurant. Here's the problem. Customer's orders take too long to enter.

**Steve:** Then, I suggest our new touch screens. You just move data on the screen with your fingertip.

**Beth:** That sounds good. I want to create menus, too. Do you have peripherals for that?

**Steve:** Well, I recommend a new printer. The new ones print as well as a professional service.

**Beth:** Great. Let's talk about prices.

## Unit 5

**IT Professional (M):** Hi. Can I help you find something?

**Customer (W):** Oh, please. I need a router.

**IT Professional:** Well, there are a few types. What kind of network do you have?

**Customer:** I don't have one yet, but it's for the computers in my home.

**IT Professional:** Do you want a LAN or a WLAN? Some routers don't support both types.

**Customer:** What's the difference?

**IT Professional:** A WLAN connects computers wirelessly. A LAN connects computers with CAT-5 cables.

**Customer:** My computers are far apart. I'd need a WLAN.

## Unit 6

**Support Technician (W):** Hello, CCC Solutions. What do you need help with today?

**Customer (M):** Well, it's my desktop icons. I add a shortcut one day, and it's gone the next.

**Support Technician:** Oh, no problem. Just save them to the desktop.

**Customer:** Okay. How do I do that?

**Support Technician:** First, add the shortcuts. Then, move the pointer to the options menu and click 'save icons and folders'.

**Customer:** Options? I'm sorry, where is that?

**Support Technician:** See the "CCC" icon in the corner? Right-click that.

**Customer:** Got it. Thanks!