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Peripherals

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

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).

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|----------------|------------------|
| 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.

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 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!