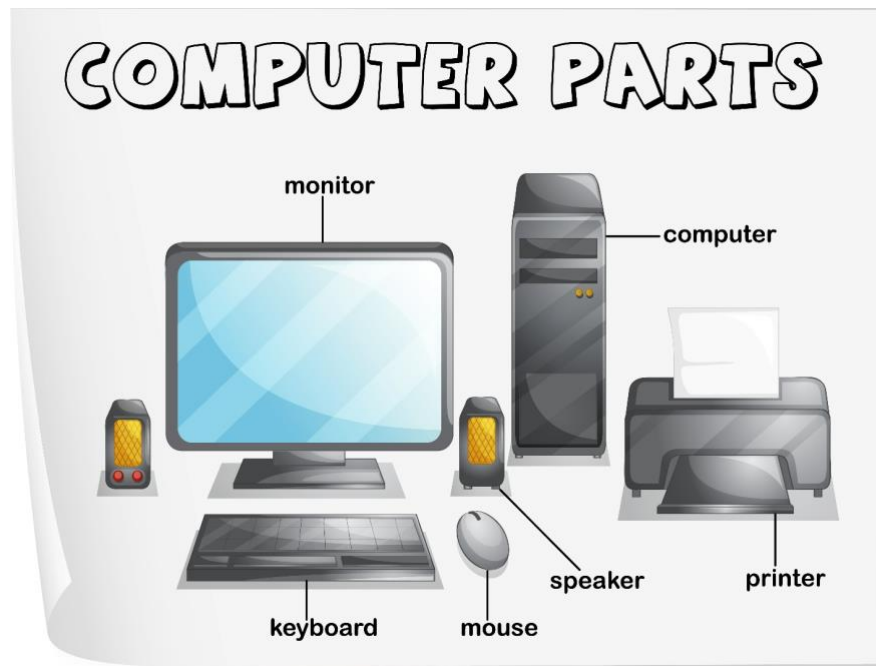


Computer Parts



Just like your body has different parts such as arms, legs, head, etc. a computer also is made up of different parts. You can see the different parts in the picture above, and you can read what each part does below.

Functions of different parts of a computer

Monitor – a computer monitor is an output device that displays information in picture form. It looks like a TV. The monitor is made of a case and a screen that displays the information. Whatever we type using the keyboard will appear on the screen of the monitor.

Keyboard – a keyboard is an input device. It has buttons (keys). We use the keyboard to type letters, numbers, words, symbols, and other functions. We give instructions to the computer with the keyboard.

Computer (CPU) – the CPU is the Central Processing Unit. It is the brain of the computer. Just like your brain, the CPU performs tasks based on the instructions we give it, and it controls the other parts (monitor, keyboard, etc.).

Mouse – a mouse is a handheld pointing device. It is called a mouse as it is shaped like the animal. We use the mouse on a flat surface to move the on-screen cursor to different items on the screen. The mouse also has buttons that we use to move and select items. When we press the buttons on a mouse, it's called "clicking".

Speaker – a speaker is an output device that connects to the computer to generate sound. It allows us to listen to music or watch videos.

Printer – a printer is an output device that prints paper documents. It can print text documents and images. When we print a document, we call it the hard copy because it is a physical copy of the document.