



# Technologies

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To speak about technologies, you need to know the proper vocabulary of modern devices. Here is the vocabulary connected with computer devices.

*People are using different computer devices to connect and use **computer**.*



**Laptop**

A small portable computer



**Computer**

An electronic machine that can store and process data.



**Scanner**

A device that scans something that is flat and sends the image to the computer.



### Mouse

A little device that you move with your hand which then moves the cursor on the screen.



### Fax machine

A machine that is used to send paper document information to another machine.



### Keyboard

A device which is used to type in letters to the computer.



### USB flash drive

A device which is used to store information, usually of computers.



### Memory card

A device which is used to store information, usually of video and photo cameras.

Some examples:

*If you want to surf on the Internet you use **computer** or a smaller computer and portable one called **laptop**.*

*To type in you use **keyboard** and to click on the desktop- **mouse**.*

*If you want to send some paper document to someone **fax machine** is used and to store information **memory cards** and **USB flash drives** are used.*

Apart from computer technology devices, there are many other devices. Here is the list of common modern media and other devices.

*I love to use technology devices. For example, I call my friends using **mobile phone**, I play video games using **play station** and I listen to music through **stereo** and **mp3 player**. Great!*



**Calculator**

Device which is used to calculate different calculations



**Mobile phone**

Is used to call or text someone



**Mp3 player**

Device which is used to listen to the music



**Radio**

Is used to listen to the radio



**Karaoke set**

Device with speakers and microphones which is used to sing karaoke



**CD player**

Device which is used to listen to the music using CD



**Playstation**

Is used to play video games



**TV**

Device which is used to watch television, movies and TV-shows



**DVD player**

Is used to watch movies using DVD



**Photo camera**  
Device which is used to capture images



**Stereo**  
Is used to listen to the music



**Tablet**  
Is used to surf on the Internet and use it similar like laptop



**Dictaphone**  
Device which is used to record voice



**Video camera**  
Is used to film video



**GPS**  
Is a electronic map, which is used to track





### E-book reader

Is used to read electronic books

### Some examples:

*Nowadays it is so easy to live. My grandmother daily watches **TV** and my grandfather listens to the **radio** to hear music and hear the weather news. My mum reads book on her **e-book reader**, but I.. I love my **play station!** I know that sometimes I play it too often and it is such a great device for video games!*

The electronic devices which are used in household are called - household appliances.

*I am a housewife and my life would not be possible without **household appliances** that help me to cook and to clean house daily.*



**Freezer**

One that freezes, as a thermally insulated cabinet



**Cooker**

Device used to provide heat (either electric or gas) to cook food



**Refrigerator**

Appliance for maintaining food at a low temperature, or producing ice



**Dishwasher**

Device that washes dishes



**Iron**

Instrument used for taking the wrinkles out of a piece of clothing through heat



**Dryer**

Device or appliance for removing moisture, as by hot air



**Toaster**

Device used to toast bread, esp. by exposure to heat



**Washing machine**

Device used to wash clothes



**Vacuum cleaner**

Appliance using suction to clean surfaces



Oven

Chamber or enclosed compartment usually used to cook in, as in a cooker



Microwave

A device which is used to warm up the food

Some examples:

*I don't know what I'd do without my **dishwasher**. I can't imagine having to wash all those dishes by hand!*

*Honey, where's the **dryer**? I've just taken a shower and I need to dry my hair.*

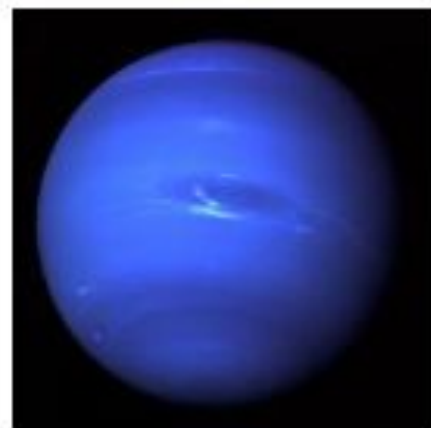
*He goes shopping and buys enough food to put into his **freezer** for a month.*

*I really don't know how to cook. About the only thing I can do is boil an egg on the **cooker**.*

This vocabulary is used to talk about Space explorations and investigations.

*We need to ask why Paul devotes so much **space** to the subject in writing to the Corinthians, while saying little about it to other churches.*

Space - all room around us, including the galaxy and solar system



**Planet**

A large, round object that orbits a star and shines as it reflects the star' light.



**Moon**

A small body of rocky material that orbits a planet.



**Telescope**

A special tool which is used to look at stars, planets and other objects in outer space.



### Spaceship

A vehicle that travels in outer space, often with astronauts on board.



### Alien

Unlike any other, a strange race from outer space or planet.



### Astronaut

A person that travels and works in space.



### Star

A huge glowing ball of gas in outer space.



### Constellation

A grouped star combination which makes different symbols and ornaments.



### Satellite

A machine that rotates around the Earth and sends data back to the planet.



### Rocket

A spacecraft that can be shot into outer space.



### Space shuttle

A spacecraft for carrying people and supplies between Earth and outer space.



### Galaxy

A huge group of stars in outer space.



### Crater

A hole in the ground made after meteoroid hitting it.



### Meteor

A small piece of rock that has entered the Earth's atmosphere, usually making a bright streak of light in the sky.

Some examples:

A **rocket** is the type of plane that **astronauts** used to use to fly into **space**. Now they are used to leave **satellites** in orbit around the Earth. It has a special cylindrical shape so that it can go very fast for a long distance.

The **sun** is the star in the middle of our solar system.

Some **telescopes** are very powerful and can be used to see thousands of light years away. There are many large powerful **telescopes** in the north of Chile.

**Astronauts** need to wear space suits because it is very cold in **space** and they do not have oxygen to breath.



There are also many idioms related to technology field. Here is a list of commonly used idioms regarding technology.



1. **Well-oiled machine** — used to describe something that works very well and effectively.
2. **Light years ahead** — used to describe someone who is much more ahead others in career, in personal development, etc.
3. **On the same wavelength** — used to describe people who share the same views and opinions.
4. **Bells and whistles** — exciting extras for electronic devices, however usually they are useless .
5. **Driven by a motor** — used to describe people who are too hyperactive and too proactive.
6. **Push the panic button** — used to describe someone who reacts to the situation by being frightened.
7. **Don't push my buttons** — a phrase which is usually said to someone who starts to annoy.
8. **Rocket science** — used to describe something which is complicated. Usually used in a negative meaning.
9. **Hit the airwaves** — used to describe situation where person is showed in media and on TV in order to tell about something or give interview.
10. **Hold the wire** — used to tell person not to end the call and wait for the person.

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11. **Silver surfer** — an elderly person who uses the Internet.

Some examples:

*My computer works like a **well-oiled machine**.*

*I have no idea why boss promoted her, because I believe you are **light years ahead** of her.*

*Many companies promote computer education to elders to increase **silver surfers** amount in the country.*

*All you need to read are only few chapters, to pass the exam is not a **rocket science!***

*I suppose I have never been **on the same wavelength** with others, all always had other views than I had.*

*After eating the chocolate my sister acts like she is **driven by a motor**.*