



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.*

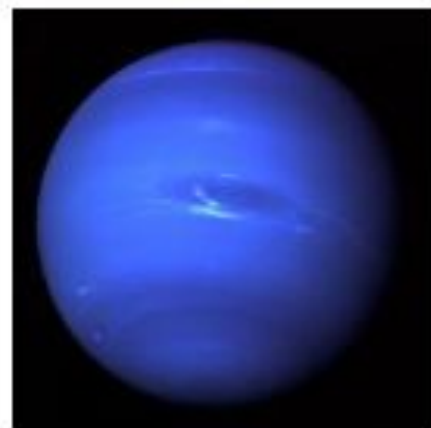
*He goes shopping and buys enough food to put into his **freezer** for a month.*

*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's 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**.*