

Sample Chapter

# Level Up

Through **Digital Discoveries**

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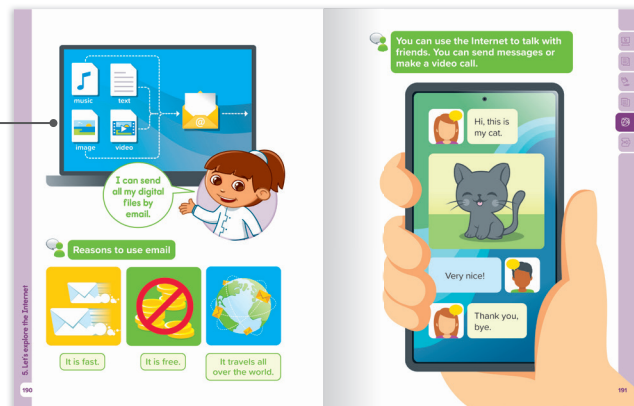
**Hi! I'm Stella.  
I will help you learn how to use  
your computer. Together we  
will explore new technologies.  
Turn on your computer  
and follow me!**



# Key Features

An innovative approach to building digital competencies, developed by expert educators.

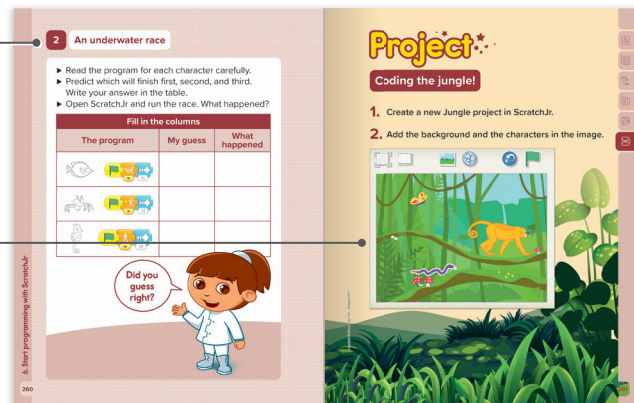
Each unit offers straightforward explanations and contemporary examples, making technology concepts accessible and relevant.



Curriculum aligns with the latest industry standards, preparing students for certifications and future careers.

Every unit includes a variety of tasks and activities designed to help students build essential digital competencies.

Projects and exercises throughout the course reinforce students' understanding and practical application of digital skills in real-world scenarios.



Well-defined learning goals and hands-on, applicable digital skills.

Students learn about platform diversity, expanding their digital toolkit and adaptability.

Each unit organizes key terms that are crucial for digital literacy, equipping students for today's technology-driven workplace.





# 1. My computer





Computers are all around us, and they help us in many ways. They help us learn new things, play games, and talk to our friends. This unit is all about computers, what they are, how they have changed over time, and how to make them work.

## In this unit, you will:

- ▶ understand that computers have changed over time.
- ▶ understand what a computer is and how it helps people.
- ▶ identify the main parts of a computer.
- ▶ understand how the different computer parts connect to the system unit.
- ▶ identify parts of a computer mouse and what each part does.
- ▶ use the keyboard.
- ▶ control a computer in different ways.

## LESSON 1

# History of computers



Have you ever used a computer?  
What do you think the first  
computer was like?



Cavepeople used their fingers to count.



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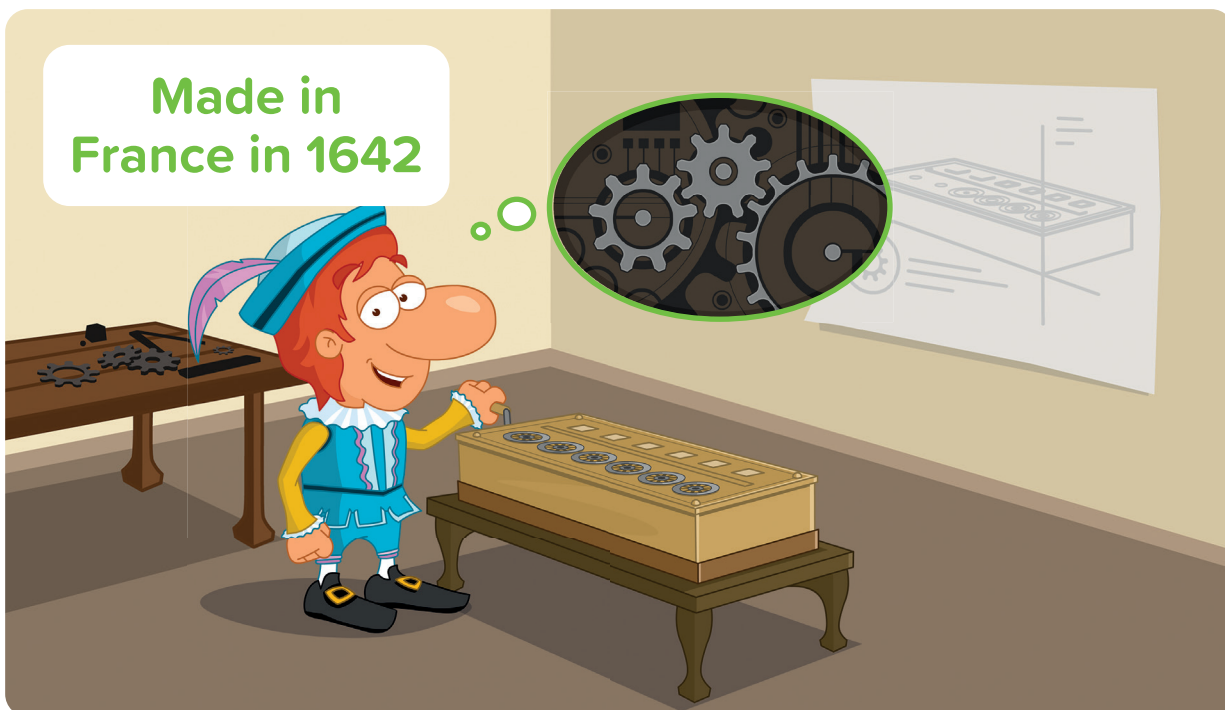
The first calculator was the abacus.

Made about  
4,000 years ago



The first mechanical calculator

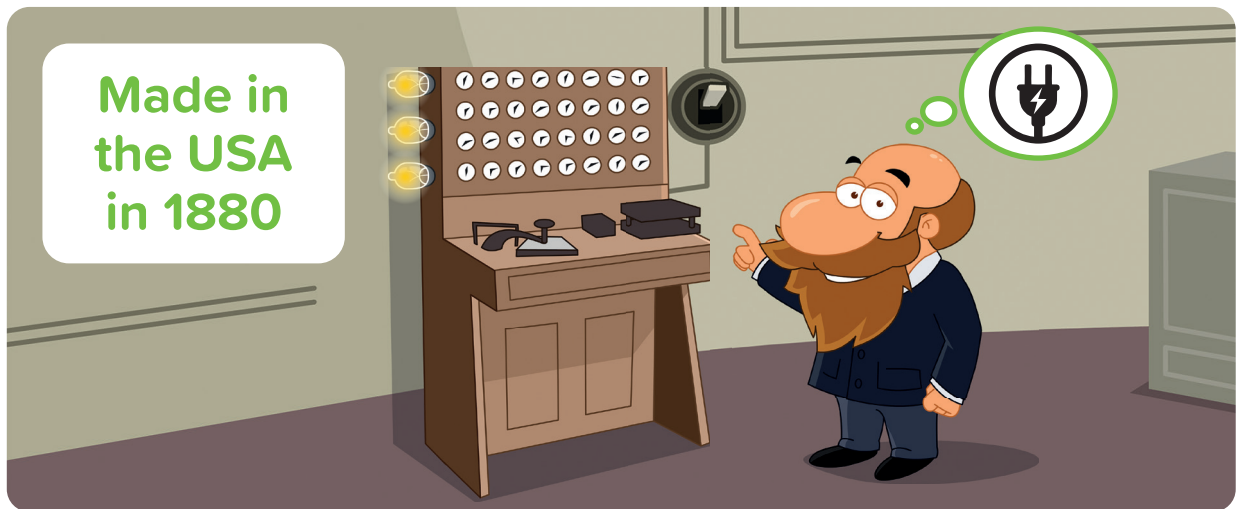
Made in  
France in 1642





## The first electric counting machine

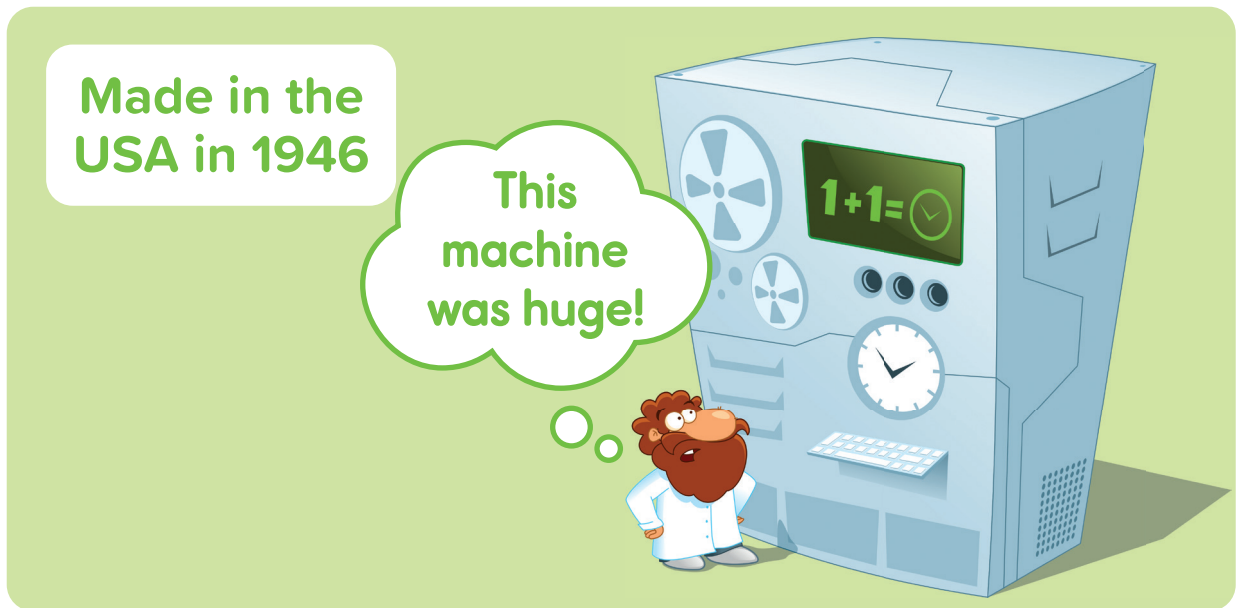
Made in the USA in 1880



## The first electronic computer, called ENIAC

Made in the USA in 1946

This machine was huge!



Is the ENIAC computer like the computers we use today?







Later, more computers appeared. They were more like today's computers.

Commodore PET

1977



IBM PC

1981



Macintosh PC

1984





Today, computers are small, light, and fast.

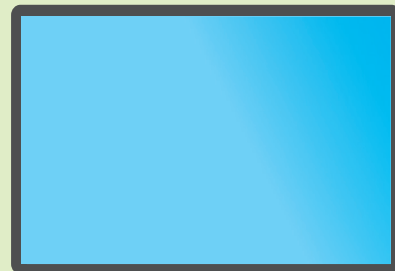
Desktop computer



Laptop



Tablet



Smartphone



Smartwatch



# Hands on!

1

Fill in the blanks.

4,000 years ago

Today

1946



The abacus helps me to add and subtract.

ENIAC was the first computer.

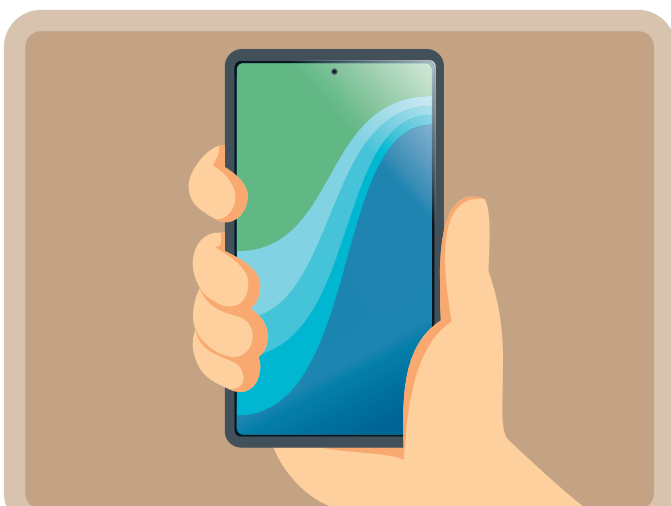
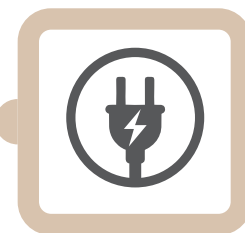


This is a small, light, fast tablet.



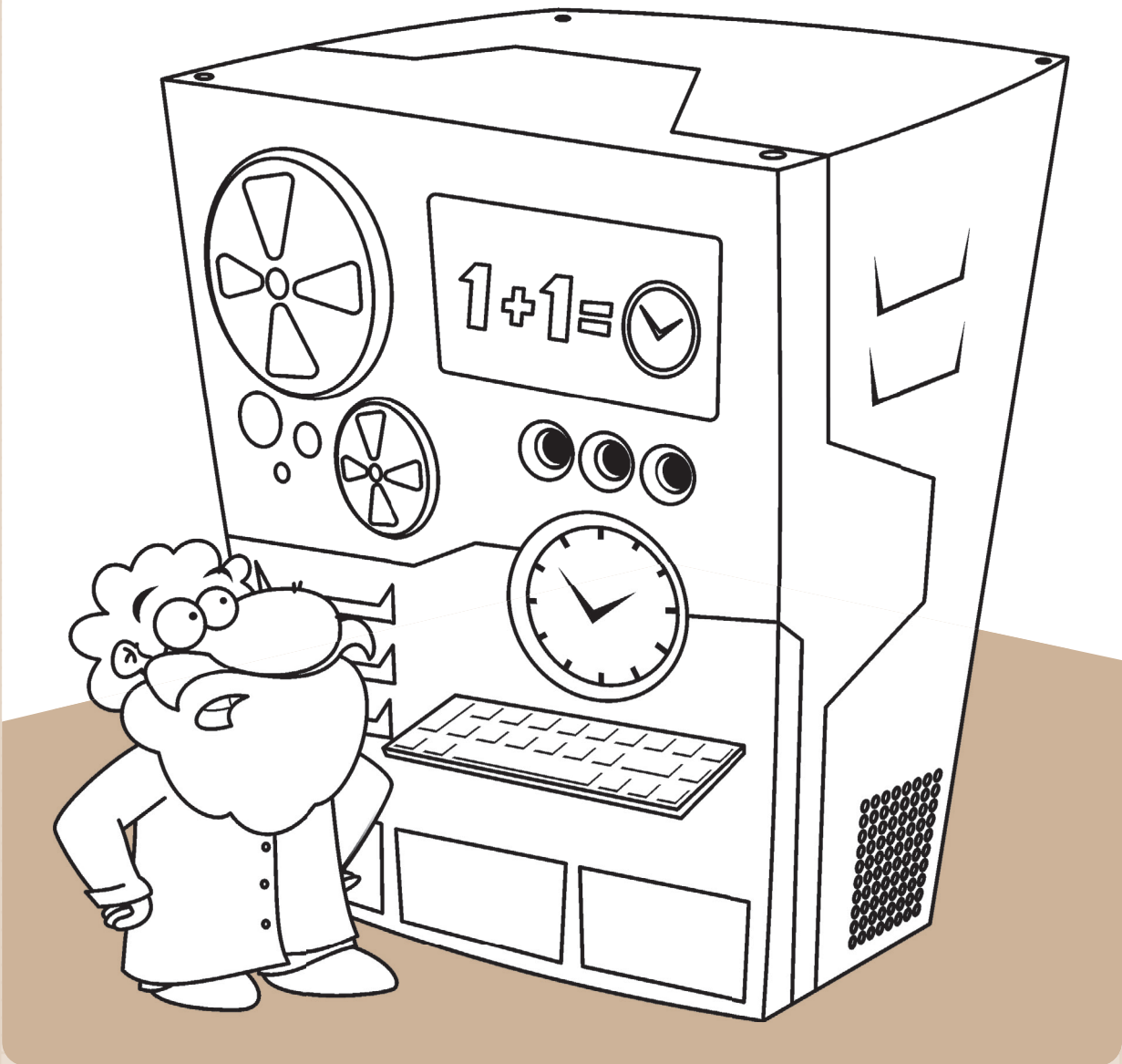
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Draw a line to match the device with the type of energy.



3

Color the image.



4

Draw a line to match the words with the pictures.

Laptop

Smartphone

Smartwatch

Tablet

Desktop  
computer





## LESSON 2

# Computers in our lives



Where do you find computers every day?



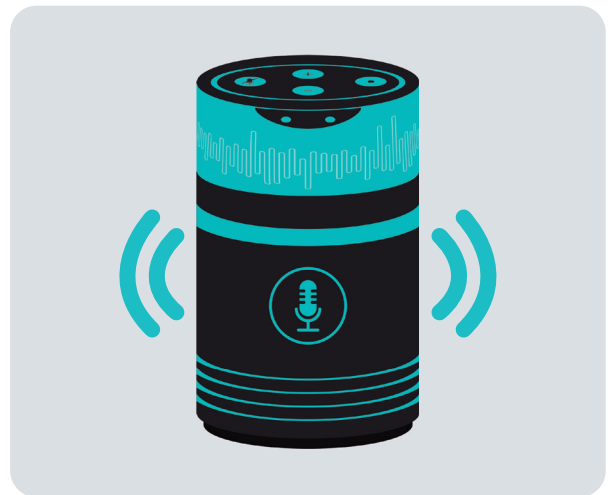
Computers are all around us.

Can you point  
to the computers  
in the room?



## What is a computer?

A **computer** is a machine. It follows instructions to work. It can help us do many things.





Computers are used in many places.

At the supermarket



At the bank



In the school lab



Where else can you find a computer?

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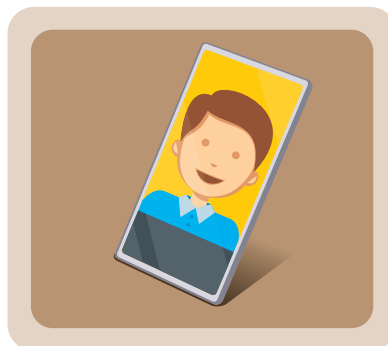
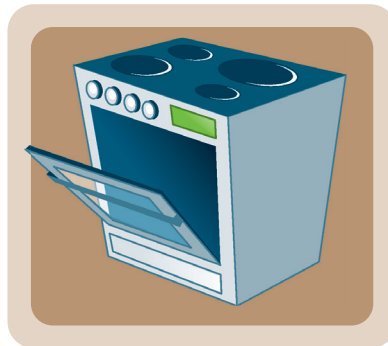
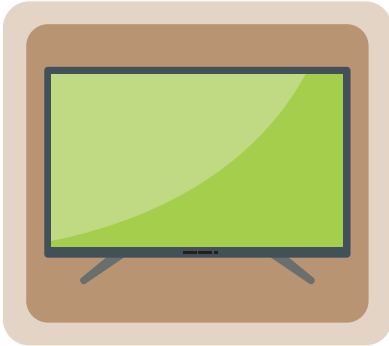
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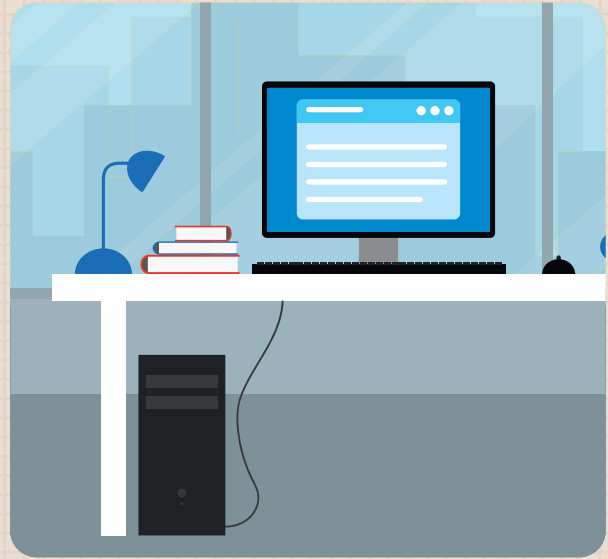
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Put a check mark under all the computers.



2

Find and circle the computer in each picture.



Talk about what kind of computer is in each picture.



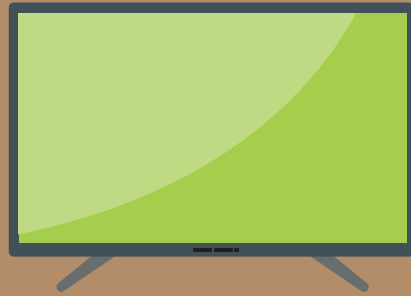
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Draw a line to match the words with the pictures.

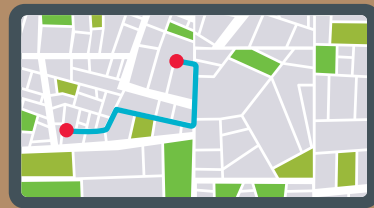
Tells the  
way to go



Plays a  
movie



Plays a  
game

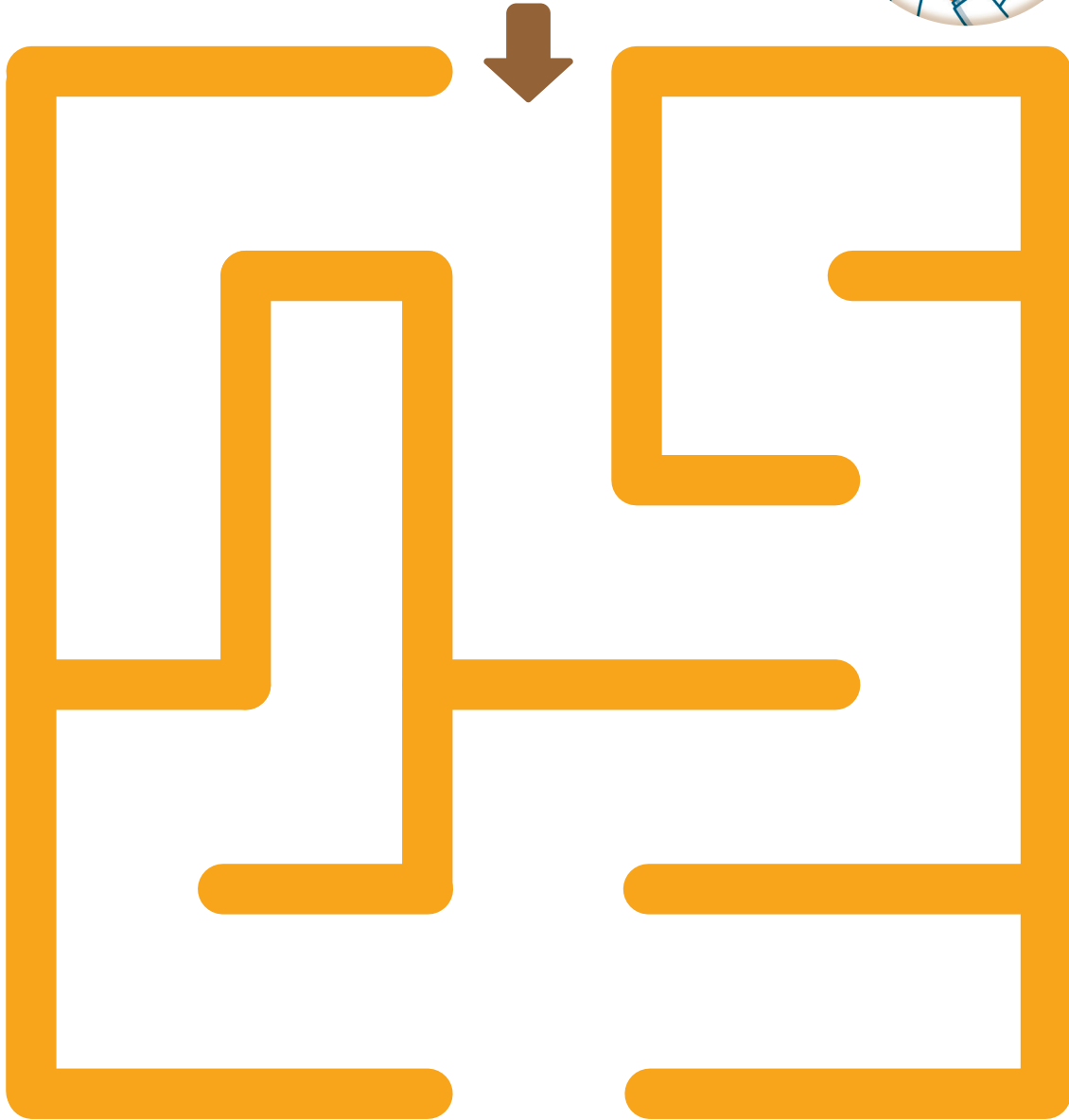


4

Find the path.



Help Tom reach the computers.



## LESSON 3

# The computer



What do you think a desktop computer can do?



The parts of my computer





monitor



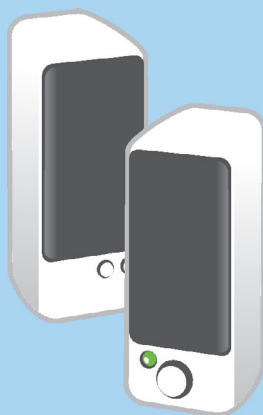
system unit



mouse



keyboard



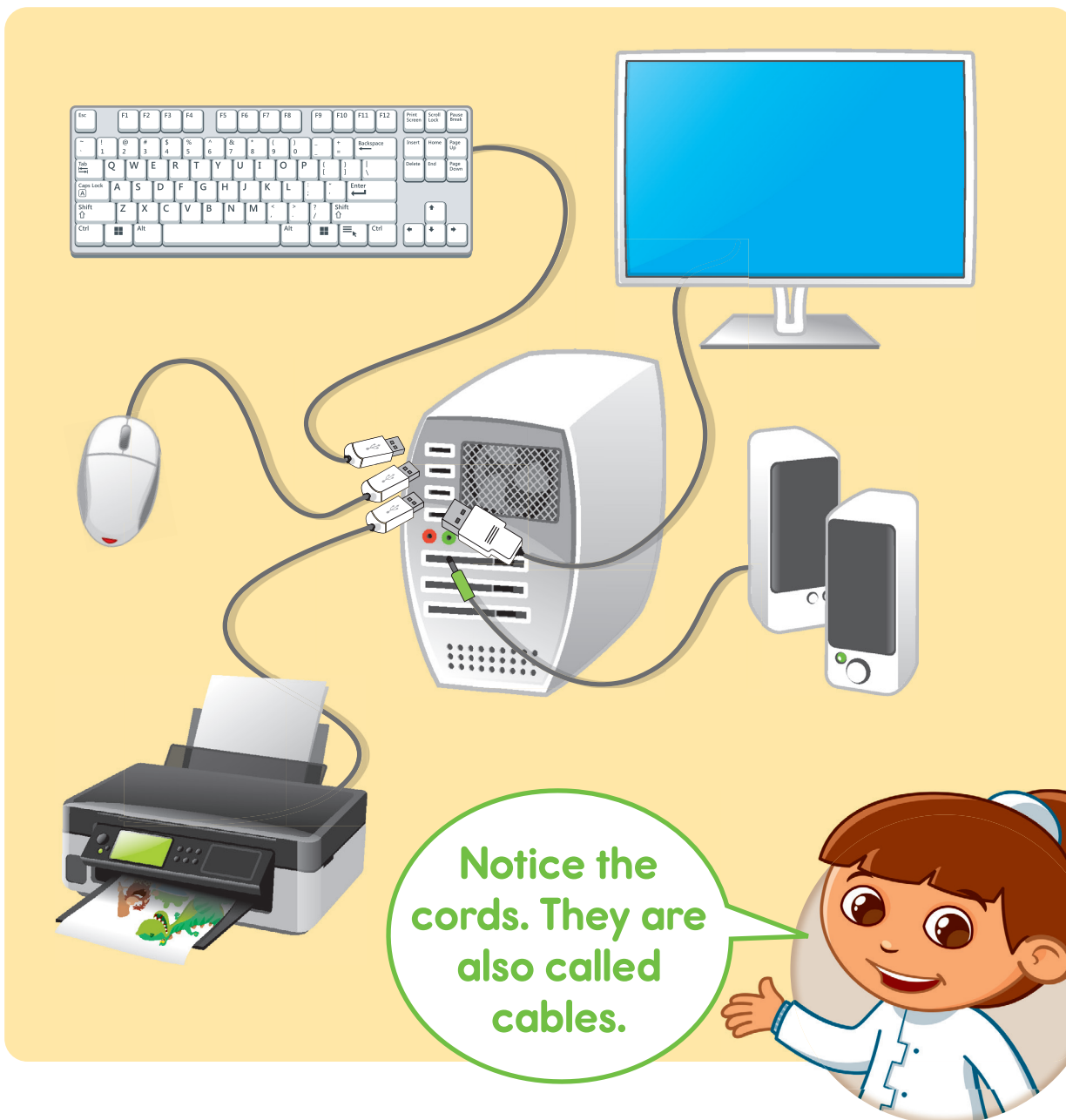
speakers



printer



## Computer connections



Have you ever seen computer parts that are connected without using cables?

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Be careful when handling cables.



Which computer part connects all the others?





# Hands on!

1

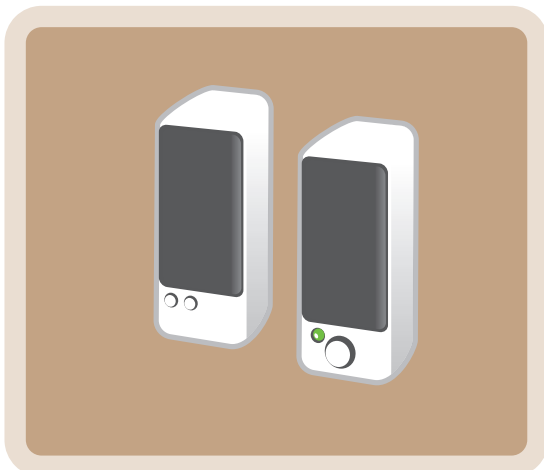
Circle the parts of a computer.



2

Put a check mark under the computer part that:

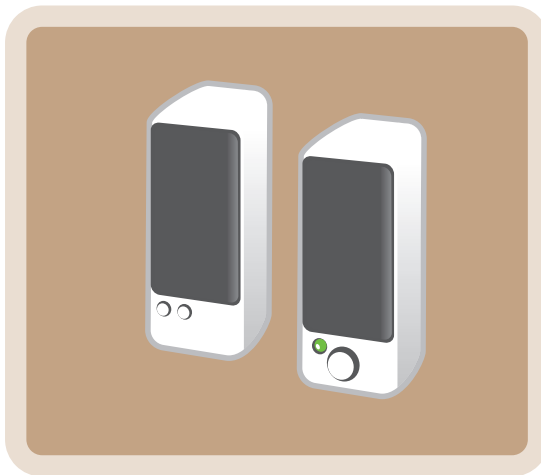
► you use to type.



► you use to play videos.



► you use to listen to music.

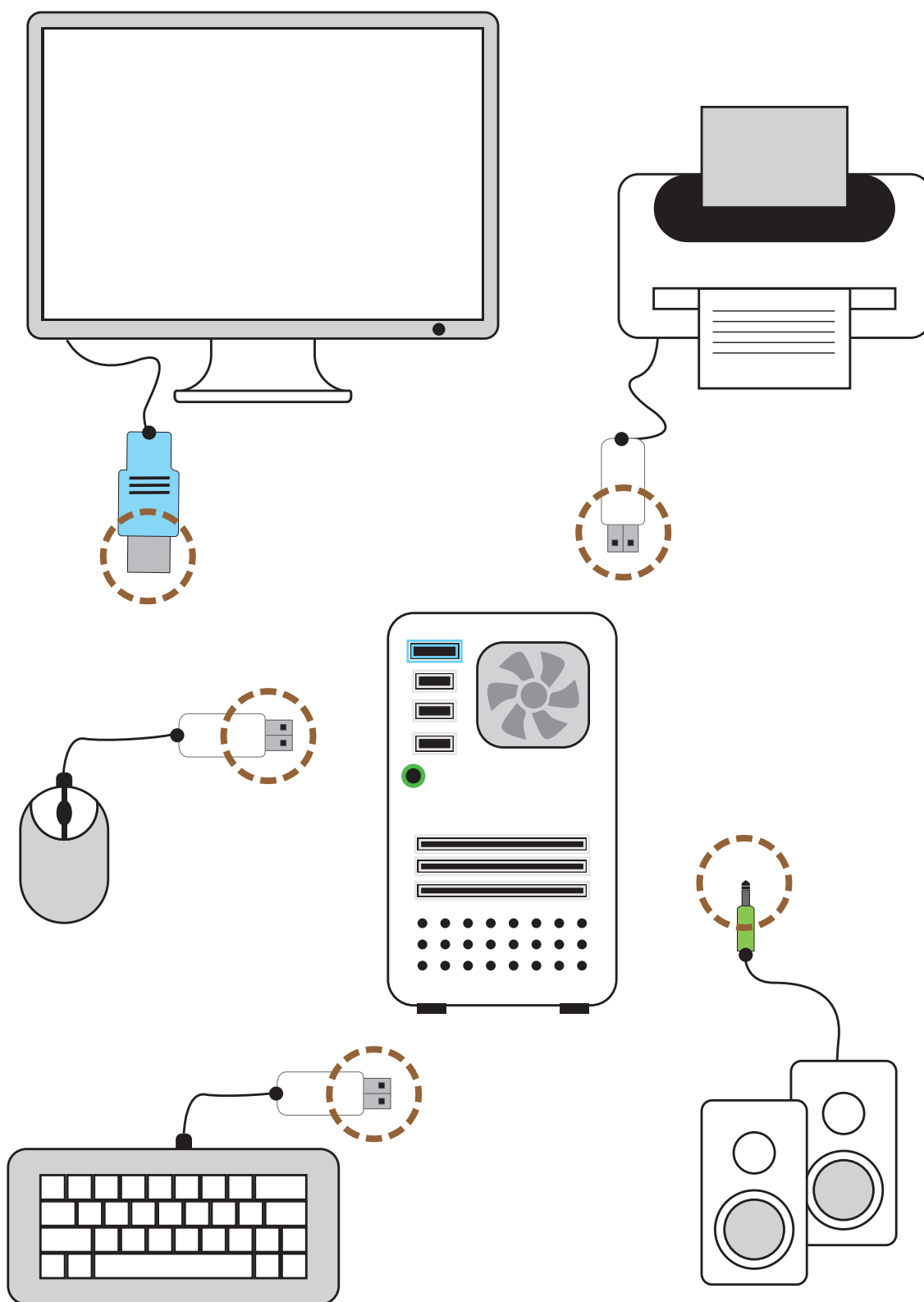


► helps the computer work.



3

Draw lines to connect the computer parts.



## LESSON 4

# Click and type



Do you use the mouse and the keyboard to work on the computer?

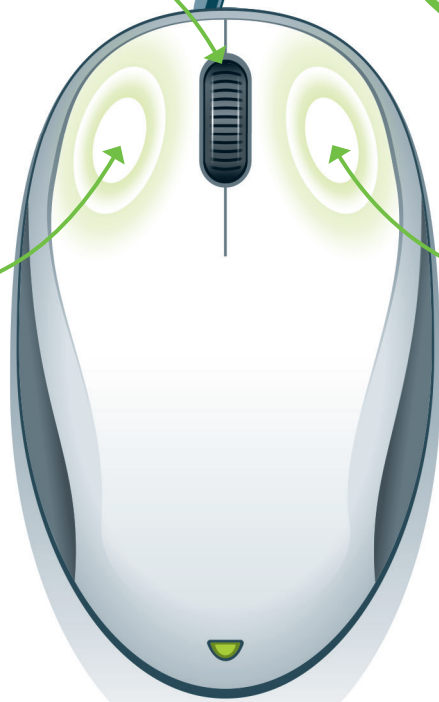
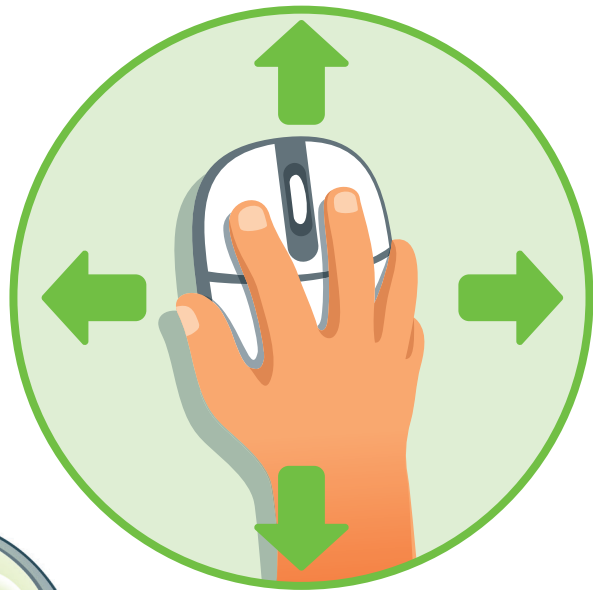


Move the mouse.

Scroll wheel

Click

Right-click



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## Click

Press the button once and let go.



## Double-click

Press the button twice very quickly and let go.



## Right-click

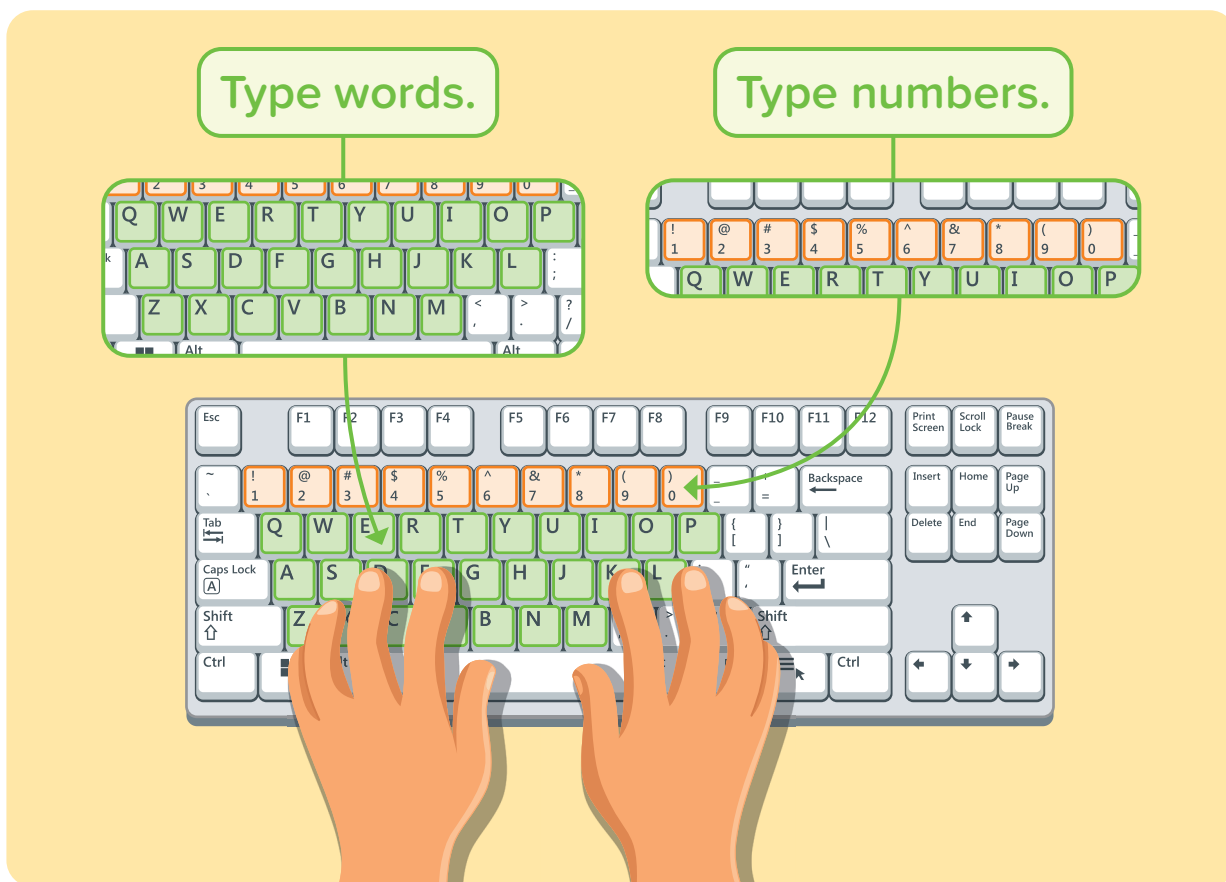
Press the button once and let go.







Press a key to type.



Control the computer.



Touch



Move



Can you think of other things you can do with a computer?

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# Hands on!

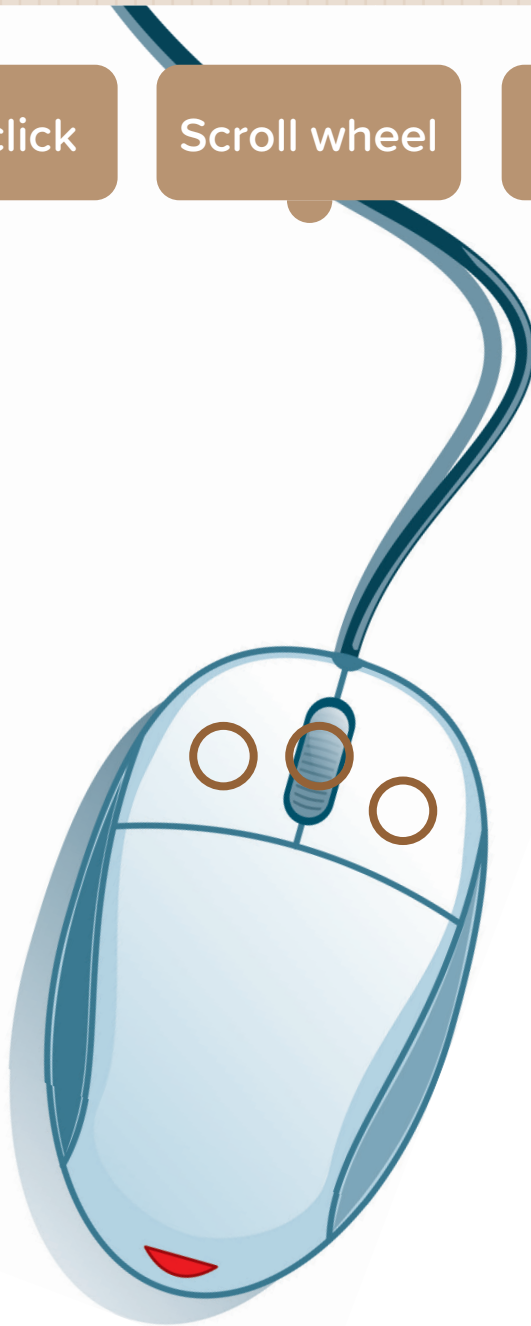
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Draw a line to match the mouse part to its name.

Right-click

Scroll wheel

Click



2

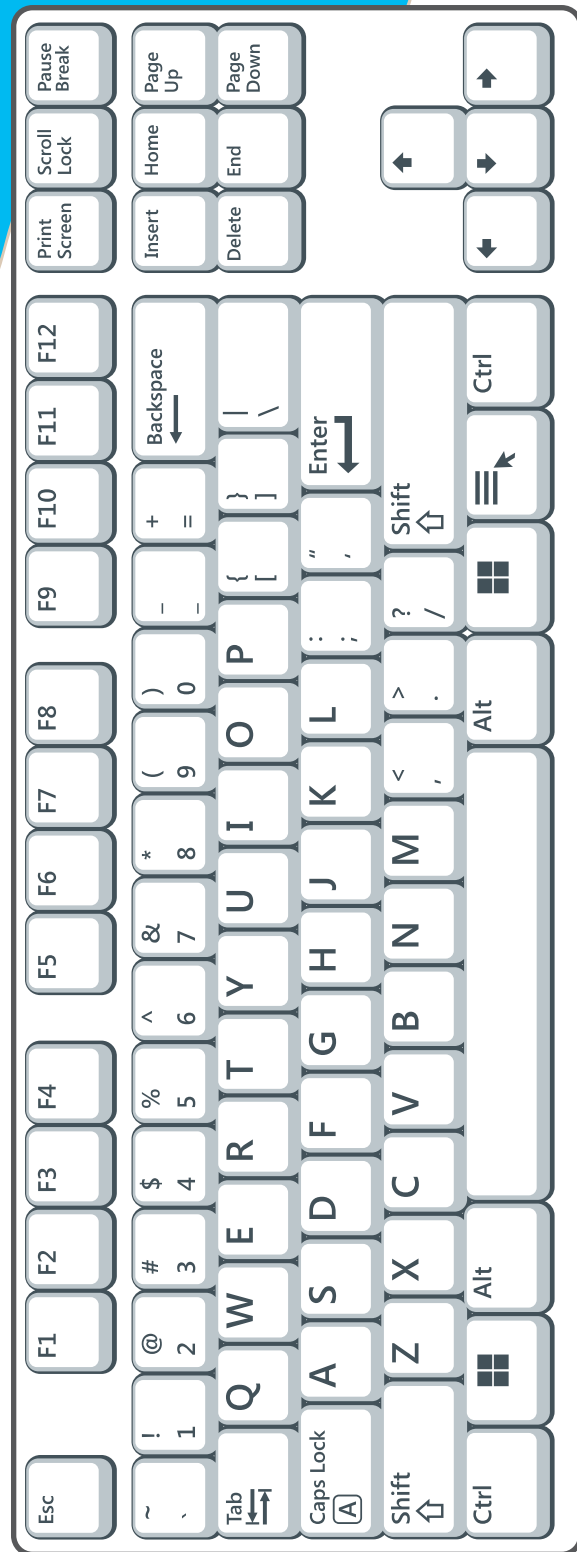
Color the keyboard.

Letter keys

Number keys

Arrow keys

Enter key



3

Put a check mark under the computers you control by touch.



# Project

## Computer picture book

1. Get a piece of paper. You will also need crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
2. Draw the parts of a computer.
3. Write the name of each computer part next to it.





4. Color your drawing.
5. Share your picture book with your classmates.



6. Extra step: Imagine a future computer. Draw what you think it will look like and what special things it can do!

# Reflect.

1. What did you like most about making the computer picture book? Share your ideas with your classmates.

2. What are your favorite computer part of your project? Talk about it with your partner.

3. What is something new you learned about computers from this project?



# Wrap up

## Check out your new skills!

- ▶ I can explain how computers have changed over time.
- ▶ I can tell what a computer is and how it helps people.
- ▶ I can identify the main parts of a computer.
- ▶ I can explain how the different computer parts connect to the system unit.
- ▶ I can name the parts of the mouse and the keyboard.
- ▶ I can describe different ways to control a computer.



## Key Terms

click

right-click

computer

scroll wheel

desktop  
computer

smartphone

smartwatch

keyboard

speakers

laptop

system unit

monitor

tablet

mouse

touch

printer

