

Foundational Computer Knowledge

Basic Computer Skills · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. What is the main component of a computer that performs most of the processing?

- A) Monitor
- B) CPU (Central Processing Unit)**
- C) Keyboard
- D) Mouse

2. Which of these is an example of an input device?

- A) Printer
- B) Speakers
- C) Microphone**
- D) Webcam

3. What is the primary function of RAM (Random Access Memory) in a computer?

- A) To permanently store files
- B) To temporarily store data the computer is actively using**
- C) To display images on the screen
- D) To connect to the internet

4. Which of the following is an operating system?

- A) Microsoft Word
- B) Google Chrome
- C) Windows 11**
- D) Adobe Photoshop

5. What does 'URL' stand for in the context of the internet?

- A) Uniform Resource Locator**
- B) Universal Remote Link
- C) Unified Resource Language
- D) User Registration Login

6. Which hardware component is responsible for storing your files and programs long-term?

- A) Motherboard
- B) Graphics Card
- C) Hard Drive (or SSD)**
- D) Power Supply Unit

7. What is the most common way to connect to the internet wirelessly?

- A) Bluetooth
- B) Ethernet cable
- C) Wi-Fi**
- D) USB cable

8. Which of these is a type of software application used for writing documents?

- A) Web Browser
- B) Spreadsheet Program
- C) Word Processor**
- D) Antivirus Software

9. What is a 'firewall' primarily used for in computer security?

- A) To speed up internet connection
- B) To protect a network from unauthorized access**
- C) To print documents
- D) To manage email accounts

10. What does the acronym 'WWW' stand for?

- A) World Wide Web**
- B) Western World Wonders
- C) Web World Wide
- D) Wireless World Wide

11. Which of these is an output device?

- A) Keyboard
- B) Scanner
- C) Monitor**
- D) Microphone

12. What is the purpose of a 'shortcut' on a computer desktop?

- A) To delete files
- B) To open applications or files quickly**
- C) To connect to Wi-Fi
- D) To shut down the computer