

# INPUT DEVICES



1. Where does the name 'QWERTY' Keyboard come from?

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2. Why do you think the QWERTY keyboard is the most popular method of data entry?

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3. Who might make use of a concept keyboard?

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4. What are the benefits of using a concept keyboard?

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5. Explain why a mouse often called a pointing device

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6. Describe the difference between a mouse and a tracker ball?

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7. Which type of input device would you choose if you were going to play a 'shoot 'em up' computer game?

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8. Who is likely to use a Graphics Tablet and why?

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9. Explain briefly how scanners work

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10. Explain why automated input devices allow more accurate input of data than manual input devices

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11.a What do the initials MICR stand for?

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11.b Where are you most likely to come across this type of input device?

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12. Explain how OMR is used to help mark test papers

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13a. Why do Credit cards have a magnetic stripe on the back?

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13b. What is used to read the information from the magnetic stripe?

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13c. What are some of the problems with this method of data storage?

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14 a. What device is used to capture the barcodes on products?

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14 b. Explain why the price isn't stored on the barcode.

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15. Which input device would you suggest for the following situations:

Writing a story for homework	
Drawing a cartoon	
Checking your bank balance at the bank	
Storing information on your Credit card	
Changing the text from a page into digital format so you can edit it.	
Storing information on bank cheques.	

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