

# 1. Input Devices



## Task 1 – Input Devices

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Input devices include any piece of hardware that is used to enter information into a computer. The most common input devices are the keyboard and the mouse.

## Task 2 – Descriptions

Copy the name of each device, followed by the correct description.

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| <b>a.</b> Keyboard          | • Uses a stylus to draw pictures as you would with a pen and paper.                                   |
| <b>b.</b> Mouse             | • A tilting stick commonly used for computer games.   |
| <b>c.</b> Graphics tablet   | • A screen that you touch with your finger to select information.                                     |
| <b>d.</b> Trackball         | • A small pressure sensitive pad often used in laptops.   |
| <b>e.</b> Joystick          | • The use of a microphone to enter text into a computer using only speech.                            |
| <b>f.</b> Light pen         | • Rows of lettered and numbered keys. The accepted standard has the letters QWERTY along the top row. |
| <b>g.</b> Touch pad         | • Used in virtual reality to manipulate virtual objects with your hand.                               |
| <b>h.</b> Touch screen      | • A small pen like rod used to select information on the screen.                                      |
| <b>i.</b> Scanner           | • A small scanner used in supermarkets to read information from a series of black and white lines.    |
| <b>j.</b> Voice recognition | • A ball rolled over a flat surface to move a pointer on the screen.                                  |
| <b>k.</b> Card reader       | • A device used to copy photographs and paper documents to the computer.                              |
| <b>l.</b> Bar code reader   | • Reads the pencil marked on a card.  |
| <b>m.</b> Power glove       | • Similar to a mouse, but the rotating ball is on the top of the device.                              |

## Task 3 – Research

- How did the keyboard end up with its present QWERTY arrangement? Why aren't the keys laid out in a way that is easier to remember?
- Who invented the mouse and when? Why does use of mouse slow down typing?