INGLÉS TÉCNICO DE GRADO SUPERIOR UD-2

INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTING SYSTEMS

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# GET READY!

Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

1. What kind of computers do you use?

At college I use a laptop but at home I use a desktop computer.

1. What do you use computers for at work?

I mainly use them for studying.

**Mainframes:** High-performance computers with CPUs that can process millions of data transactions in real time and support multiple users concurrently.

**Supercomputer:** Extremely powerful computers designed to process high amounts of data and perform complex calculations at high speed. They are used for example in weather modeling and in nuclear simulations.

**Workstation:** Powerful and specialized computers designed for professional task such as graphic design, 3D modelling, software development, scientific research and so on.

You will use “like” when you are going to give only 1 example, but you will use “such as” when you are going to give multiple examples.

Modelling/Modeling are the same word but the first one is in British English and the second one is in American English. British English doubles the final l in verbs like travel, model, etc.

From the email:

* TEI: Technologies Engineering Incorporate.
* We will use “few” for countable nouns and “a little” for uncountable nouns.
* The difference between “trip” and “journey” is that the first one refers to the travel and what you did it, the second one refers to the way to get there.
* Yet – Already – Just
  + We use yet when we use negative sentences and in questions. For example, “I haven’t finished the task yet.”.
  + We use already or just when we use affirmative sentences. For example, “I have already/just finished the task.”.

# READING

Read the email about computers available at TEI Inc. Then, choose the correct answers.

1. What is the email about?
2. The types of work employees do.
3. Computers that the company sells.
4. **What computers the company uses.**
5. The installation of a server.
6. According to the passage, employees use laptops when the \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. Respond to email.
8. Work on spreadsheets.
9. Process the largest files.
10. **Work outside of the office.**
11. Which of the following is NOT true?
12. The company has a mainframe.
13. Employees get email on their cell phones.
14. All employees receive desktop computers.
15. **The desktop computers are faster than the workstations.**

# VOCABULARY

Read the sentences and choose the correct word.

1. My **PDA** notifies me when I have a meeting.
2. I have a **laptop** to do work on the plane.
3. John has a **desktop computer** because he only uses simple programs.
4. This **computer** runs programs but doesn’t have Internet access.
5. A **handheld PC** is smaller than a laptop, but still has a keyboard.
6. Connect to the **server** to use that printer.
7. A **supercomputer** is the most powerful machine in the world.

Match the words (1-3) with the definitions (A-C).

1. (B) workstation
2. (A) mainframe
3. (C) cell phone
4. Large and powerful computer that supports many other computers working at once.
5. Fast computer that is used by one person and has more memory than an ordinary personal computer.
6. A device that makes and receives calls.

# LISTENING

Listen and read the email about computers available at TEI Inc. again. Why do some employees not use a desktop?

Because some works must work with programs that are too powerful for desktops, so they use workstations instead.

Listen to a conversation between an IT professional and a new employee. Choose the correct answers.

1. Which of the following computers are NOT shared by employees at TEI Inc.?
2. the server
3. workstations
4. laptops
5. **desktop computers**
6. According to the dialogue, employees use the server to \_ .
7. open programs
8. **reserve workstations**
9. log onto desktop computers
10. borrow laptops

Listen again and complete the conversation.

A: Here's your new office. Jon works in here, too.

B: So, everyone has their own **desktop computer**. Do we have laptops?

A: Yes. That's your computer there. Laptops are in the **IT department.**

B: Okay, but I also need a **workstation.**

A: Right, you work on some powerful programs. Those are next door.

B: Do I sign up to use them? I mean, how do I get access to one?

A: Just **log on** to the server. All computers connect to it. Then, click "**reserve** workstation''.

B: Thanks!

**Log in 🡪** When you need to write your username and password.

**Log on 🡪** When you can access without your username and password.