

Daily Life - Buying a Computer (C0140)

Customer: So can you fix it?

Sales Clerk: I'm sorry sir. This computer is not

broken or damaged. It's simply just too old! That's why your programs and applications are running slow. There really isn't much

I can do.

Customer: What do you mean? I bought this

computer just three years ago!

Sales Clerk: Yes, but technology is ever chang-

ing and technology is becoming

obsolete faster and faster!

Customer: Ok, I know where this is going.

How much will it cost me to get a

new computer?



Sales Clerk:

Well, this desktop over here is our latest model. It has a four gigahertz processor with sixteen gigabytes in RAM and a hard disk with one terabyte. Of course, it includes a mouse, keyboard and desk speakers.

Customer:

I have no idea what you are talking about. I just want to know if it's good and if I will be able to play solitaire without the computer crashing or freezing all the time!

Sales Clerk:

This PC is top of the line and I guarantee it will never freeze! If it does, we'll give you your money back!

Key Vocabulary

I have no idea

phrase

to be completely unaware of something



freeze principle

verb,

presentsimple

to suddenly stop func-

tioning

where (some-

thing) is going

phrase

the direction of an

event

ever changing phrase always becoming differ-

ent

obsolete Adjective

no longer useful

program common

> noun,sin-

gular

a computer application

gigabyte common

noun, plu-

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unit to measure a com-

puter's storage capacity

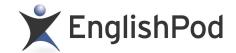
random access memory

part of computer that temporarily stores in-

formati

hard disk phrase part of computer that

stores data



gigahertz common

noun, non-

variable

measurement of com-

puter processor speed

processor common

noun, sin-

gular

device in a computer

that manages opera-

tions

crash principle

verb,

present

progressive

to suddenly stop func-

tioning

guarantee *principle*

verb,

present simple

to make a written

promise

Supplementary Vocabulary

warranty common

noun, sin-

gular

a written promise that

a seller will repair a

product if a problem

arises

laptop common

noun, sin-

gular

a portable computer



network common a system for communi-

noun, sin- cating between comput-

gular ers

evolve verb to change into a more

advanced state

a device that allows

computers to communi-

wireless mo- common

dem noun, sin-

gular cate without wires