

What is a computer?

A **computer** is an electronic device that manipulates information, or data. It has the ability to **store**, **retrieve**, and **process** data. You may already know that you can use a computer to **type documents**, **send email**, **play games**, and **browse the Web**. You can also use it to edit or create **spreadsheets**, **presentations**, and even **videos**.

In other words, the size of the device you are holding doesn't make it a computer, It is the work it does that makes it one.

Examples of a Computer include a laptop, a smartwatch, a desktop, a tablet, a smartphone, an ATM, a smart house, a virtual reality device, an augmented reality device, a smart glasses etc.

Challenge

Identify other things you could call a computer around you.

Hardware

