8.1.6 Printer Characteristics Facts

When purchasing a printer, consider the following factors:

Consideration	Description
Connection Interface	Make sure that the printer you choose has an interface supported by your computer. The two most common interfaces in modern printers are USB and network interfaces.
Print Quality	Print quality is often measured in dots per inch (DPI). The higher the DPI, the higher quality the image.
Print Speed	Print speed is expressed as the number of pages that can be printed in a minute (PPM or pages per minute). Printers often rate both the black and white and color print speeds.
Memory	Printers can improve performance by having significant built-in memory. Additional memory improves performance and reduces the processing load on computers. In some cases, you can add or upgrade the memory in a printer.
Additional Features	Printers can include additional features such as: • Additional paper sizes • Double-sided (duplex) printing • Document or sheet feeders • Built-in scanners, copiers, or faxing capabilities • Automatic collation or stapling • Color printing • Built-in network support • Built-in hard drives or memory for storing and recalling printed documents