**Computer**

Today we live in digital era, it is a period of history when information is easy to access and it influence almost every sphere of our life. Today information base on digital electronics, that is why our digital devices become powerful tool.

The digital era is divided into four phases. In the first phase computers were huge, complex and expensive devices. They existed in limited numbers, and housed in big corporations and governmental departments. The second phase was presented by personal computing which was characterized by small computers powered by local software, that was installed on a hard disk. In the third phase computers became net-worked and the Internet was opened to public use. It is a global computer network. Cloud computing characterized the fourth phase of the digital revolution. It provides access to information, applications, communications and storage over the Internet.

A computer is multipurpose device that accepts (принимает) input, stores and process data, produces output. Users input information transforms into data by digitizing. An input device gathers data and transforms it into electronic signals for the computer. Computer stores data as 0s and 1s. That data processing is completed by central processing unit or CPU. Data is held in memory.

Computers run two main types of software: application software and system software. Application software (apps) is a set of computer programs that helps carry out the task. For example: word processing software, that helps people edit and print documents. The aim of the system software is to help the computer system to function efficiently. For example: computer operating system.

I personally believe, that computer is one of the most important things in our lives, but we should control technologies, not they us.