

# Ch 2. Computer system

## Section 1. Computer hardware



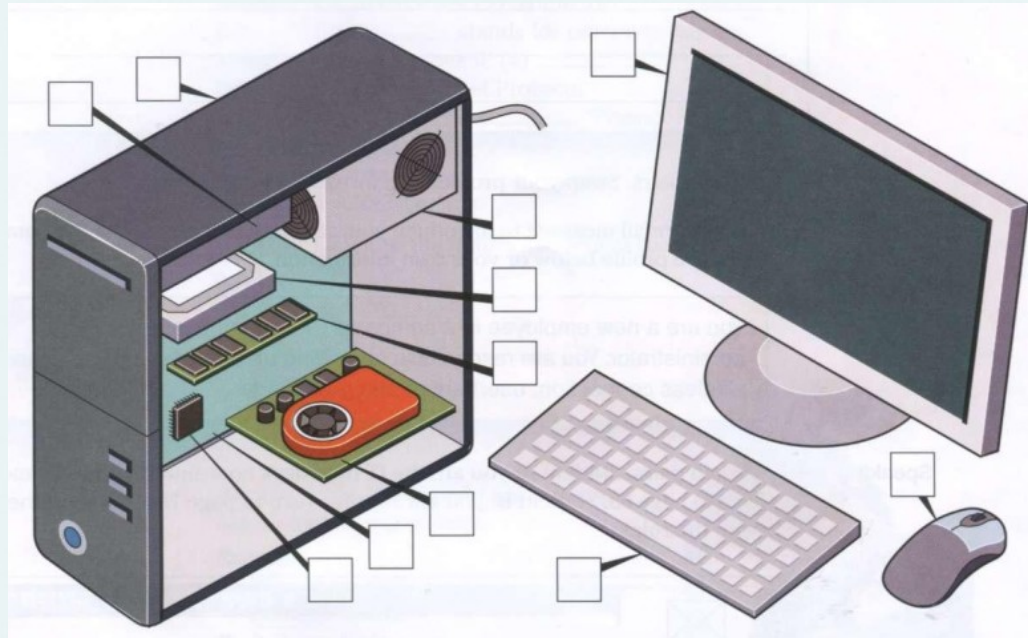
# Learning objectives

- Identify computer hardware
- Explain the use of a computer hardware clearly
- Understanding the use of comparatives in a sentence, and how comparatives are built
- Use comparatives when communicating (written & spoken)



# Act. 1: List of computer hardware

- Give one example of computer hardware and explain the use of it



- |  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 monitor                                    | 6 expansion cards (video, graphic) |
| 2 case                                       | 7 power supply unit                |
| 3 motherboard                                | 8 optical disk drive               |
| 4 CPU (Central Processing Unit or Processor) | 9 hard disk drive                  |
| 5 main memory (RAM)                          | 10 keyboard                        |
|  | 11 mouse                           |



# Act. 2: Listening

- Recording 2.13

Bob: What do you think? Which (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is better for the sales team?

Daisy: I'm not sure. This computer has a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ memory and I think it has a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ processor.

Bob: And the other one?

Daisy: Well, it is (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob: And (5) \_\_\_\_\_.

Daisy: Yes, you're right. Lighter and smaller.

Bob: But the bigger one is (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Daisy: So what is our decision?

Bob: I'm not sure. Let's go for a coffee and discuss this again.

- Can you tell what happens in the conversation?





# Comparatives

## Comparatives

We use comparative adjectives to compare two people or things.

For short adjectives we add <b>-er</b> ( <b>than</b> ). Be careful of spelling.	<i>big</i>	<b>bigger</b>	<i>The new monitor was <b>bigger than</b> the old monitor.</i>
	<i>fast</i>	<b>faster</b>	<i>Your processor is <b>faster than</b> mine.</i>
	<i>easy</i>	<b>easier</b>	<i>It's <b>easier</b> to use <b>than</b> the other one.</i>
For long adjectives we use <b>more/less</b> ( <b>than</b> ).	<i>difficult</i>	<b>more/less difficult</b>	<i>This version is <b>more difficult</b> to use <b>than</b> the old version.</i>
	<i>expensive</i>	<b>more/less expensive</b>	<i>His computer is <b>less expensive than</b> hers.</i>
	<i>reliable</i>	<b>more/less reliable</b>	<i>I think you should buy that CPU. It is <b>more reliable than</b> the one you have.</i>
Some comparatives are irregular.	<i>bad</i>	<b>worse</b>	<i>That screen resolution is much <b>worse</b> than before!</i>
	<i>good</i>	<b>better</b>	<i>I really like this mouse. It's so much <b>better</b> than the old one.</i>

- Create some examples of comparatives



# Act. 3: Writing emails

- Write an email to a colleague to compare these products  
(*use comparatives*)

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