Dot-matrix printer – a type of computer printer with a print head that runs back and forth, or in an up and down motion, on the page and prints by impact, striking an ink-soaked cloth ribbon against the paper, much like the print mechanism on a typewriter.

> *Dot-matrix printer* – an impact printer that prints using a fixed number of pins or wires. In contrast, inkjet and laser printers technically exhibit dot matrix printing, but they are not considered "dot matrix printers".

Ink ribbon – an expendable module serving the function of transferring pigment to paper in various devices for impact printing.

Inkjet printer – a type of computer printing that recreates a digital image by propelling droplets of ink onto paper and plastic substrates.

Resolution – a value that determines the number of dots (raster image elements) per unit area (or unit length).

Cartridge – ink container.

Multi-function printer – an office machine which incorporates the functionality of multiple devices in one: email, fax, photocopier, printer, scanner.

Laser printer – a computer printer that produces very clear text and pictures by means of a laser beam.

Photocopier – a machine that makes copies of documents using a photographic process.

Powder – a loose, dry substance that consists of extremely small pieces, usually made by breaking something up and crushing it.

Toner – ink in the form of powder that you put into a printer or a photocopier.

Page description language – a computer language that describes the appearance of a printed page in a higher level than an actual output bitmap.

Imagesetter – an ultra-high resolution large-format computer output device.

Plotter – a type of printers that produces vector graphics drawings. Plotters draw lines on paper using a pen.